



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

August 2025

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Lunasa 2025

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st August 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 August 2025, detailing activities, updates, and progress across various departments of Louth County Council.

Below is a summary of the key highlights:

1. Finance and System Support

- Expenditure: €106.85M spent (58% of the 2025 budget).
- Income: €110.54M collected (60% of the 2025 budget).
- Debtors: Total outstanding balance of €46.86M.
- The process for Budget 2026 has commenced and the Council vote note to increase in Local Property Tax (LPT) for 2026.
- The ICT Department dealt with 898 support call which 91% have been resolved.

2. Economic Delivery

- Tourism: Louth and Meath secured €100,000 annually for three years under the "Home of Halloween" strategy.
- Shopfront Improvement Grant: 30 applications received to date.
- Boyne Valley Flavours: New website development and ongoing initiatives to promote local food culture.
- The Night-Time Economy: hosted a number of events to engage a more vibrant nighttime economy.
- Heritage Week: largest ever Heritage Week took place, with more than 50 separate events taking place across the county, as well as dozens of open days.

3. Operations and Environment

- Road Maintenance: an very extensive road repairs, drainage works, and litter management across the county continue.
- Illegal Dumping: CCTV installed at three sites and 194 investigations completed in August.
- Climate Action: Progress on the CLIMAAX risk project and Community Climate Action Fund projects.
- Annual Mattress and Couch Amnesty anti-dumping initiate has commenced.
- Solar Photo Voltaic Project is still ongoing
- Digital Hub: commencing as planned
- Renovation of Drogheda Cornmarket buildings: continuing at place.

4. Housing and Culture

- Homelessness: 160 adults in emergency accommodation; 27 families with dependent children.
- Housing Allocations: 73 units allocated in August.
- Housing List: 5,033 applicants on the housing list.
- Energy Efficiency Retrofits: 138 units targeted for 2025.
- Cultural Services:
 - Libraries hosted 1,090 children for the Summer Stars Reading Programme;
 - Libraries hosted celebrated local history as part of heritage week.
 - Arts: Culture Night 2025 launched with events across the county.

- Museum: New exhibitions featuring African art and sporting memorabilia.
- Creative Ireland: Biodiversity mural completed in Blackrock Community Park.

5. Major Capital Projects

- Westgate Vision (Drogheda): Planning documents finalized for urban regeneration.
- St. Nicholas Quarter (Dundalk): Phase 1 nearing substantial completion; Phase 2 in design.
- Narrow Water Bridge: Construction progressing, with bridge fabrication ongoing in Belgium.
- Greenways: Carlingford Lough Greenway completed; Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway in design.
- Active Travel
 - €6.3M allocated for 28 projects promoting walking and cycling infrastructure.
 - Key projects include improvements to the R132 Inner Relief Road and Safe Routes to Schools initiatives.

6. HR, Community and Social Initiatives

- In August 2025 Customer Services dealt with 16,419 queries inclusive of 7,968 calls, 1,250 e-mails and 7,201 counter queries. 10,174 (62%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact.:
- Age-Friendly Projects: Ardee Garden Care and Repair Project showcased to the Age-Friendly Judging Panel.
- Ukraine Response: Summer camps and outdoor activities organized for Ukrainian families.
- Healthy Louth: Ran the following in August, Irish Homeless league, promoting dog fouling awareness, breastfeeding-friendly spaces, and female participation in sports.

These highlights provide an overview of the key activities and achievements in Louth County Council for August 2025.

I would like to especially thank all the executive and staff of LCC for their work and commitment, which is outlined in more detail in the attached report.

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David Conway
Chief Executive

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An Stiúrthóireacht 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 31ú Lunasa 2025 / Expenditure to 31st August 2025

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 31/08/2025 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 31/08/2025	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Expenditure 2025	% Caite go 31/08/2025 / % Spent to 31/08/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€47,151,090	€73,683,142	64%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€14,848,778	€28,591,697	52%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€4,060,827	€7,538,273	51%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€12,135,521	€25,940,360	47%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€14,762,101	€24,948,899	59%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€6,991,597	€12,548,436	56%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€656,936	€1,431,271	46%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€6,243,363	€9,312,306	67%
	€106,850,213	€183,994,384	58%

Ioncam go dtí 31ú Lunasa 2025 / Income to 31st of August 2025

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 31/08/2025 / Actual Income to 31/08/2025	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2025 / Budget Income 2025	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 31/08/2025 / % Invoiced to 31/08/2025
Tithíocht / Housing	€41,087,349	€73,685,224	56%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€4,313,021	€16,613,589	26%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€3,890,311	€6,557,586	59%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€5,897,803	€15,522,127	38%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€1,628,761	€4,474,236	36%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€1,013,737	€1,947,561	52%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€220,457	€469,209	47%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€7,267,661	€17,760,538	41%
Rátaí / Rates	€37,640,573	€35,598,115	106%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€7,577,465	€11,366,198	67%
	€110,537,138	€183,994,383	60%

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The above is the current position as of the 31st of August 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 31st of August 2025 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31ú Lúnasa 2025/ Debtors as of 31st of August 2025

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Discriobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€26,232,975	€150,036,466	(€156,021,322)	(€Nil)	€20,248,119
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€106,006	€914,716	(€839,321)	(€Nil)	€181,401
Rataí / Rates	€5,466,111	€37,640,573	(€29,252,475)	(€1,085,641)	€12,768,568
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,098,524	€12,098,646	(€11,545,271)	(€13,356)	€3,638,543
Iasachtal / Loans	€300,764	€1,495,743	(€1,491,342)	(€Nil)	€305,165
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€10,912,245	€4,361,180	(€4,359,078)	(€6,003,867)	€4,910,480
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€851,125	€541,054	(€416,714)	(€10,129)	€965,336
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,746,807	€6,593,493	(€5,495,722)	(€5,360)	€3,839,218
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€49,714,557	€213,681,871	(€209,421,245)	(€7,118,353)	€46,856,830

Above are the debtor balances as of 31st of August 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.

Budget 2026 Meeting

The Department circular Fin 13/2025 sets out the Prescribed Periods for the 2026 Budget as follows:

All Local Authorities 3rd of November 2025 to 28th of November 2025

And it also sets out the Prescribed Periods for the Municipal/Borough Districts to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan as follows:

1st of October 2025 to 14th of November 2025

As set out in the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 the meeting with a Municipal/Borough Districts must conclude no later than **10 days prior to** the local authority budget meeting.

We will present the proposed dates for the Annual Budget meeting and the Draft Budgetary Plan meetings at the September Council meeting.

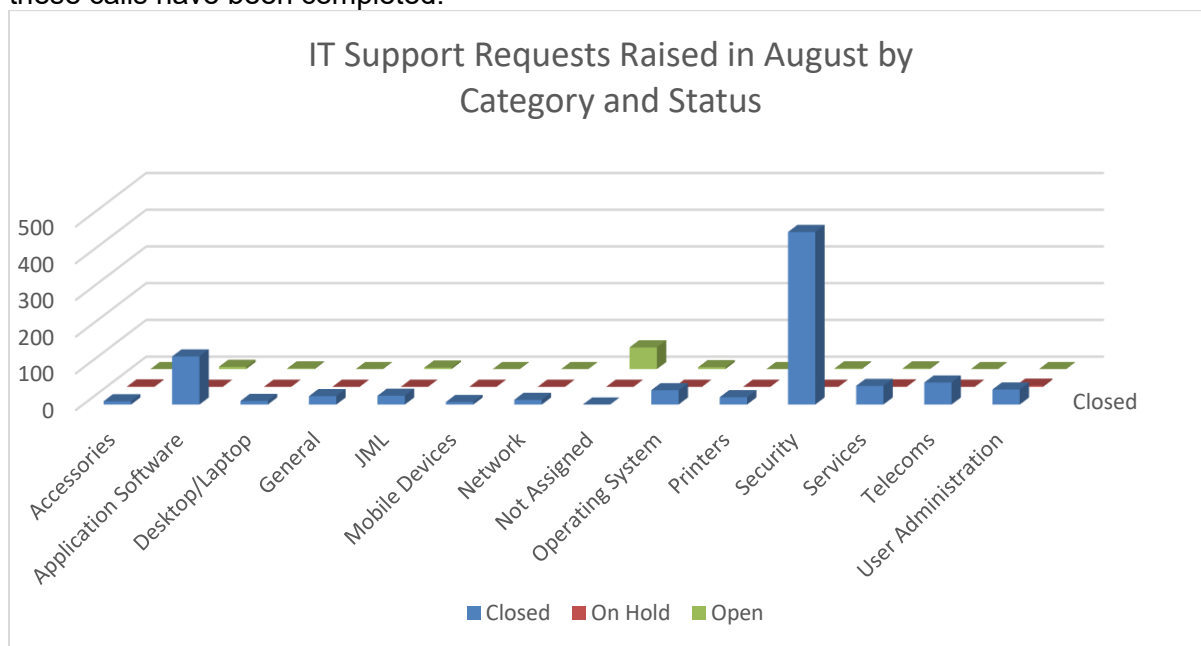
Overdraft for 2026 Financial Year

We will be bringing a request to continue our €5 million overdraft facility for the 2026 Financial Year to the members at the September meeting.

Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/08/2025 and the 31/08/2025 there were 898 support calls logged in the IT support system. 91% of these calls have been completed.



Security and Application Software were the highest category of support requests in August.

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We use an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. From 01/08/2025 – 31/08/2025 14.7% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

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 Inbound Emails 388,130	 Blocked Sender 905
 Processed on Gateway 158,960	 Processed on Protect 229,170
 Blocked at gateway 15,906	 Blocked by spam /virus 37,146
 Blocked by content rules 634	 Potentially harmful emails 14.07%
 Emails Deleted by Protect 17	

Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

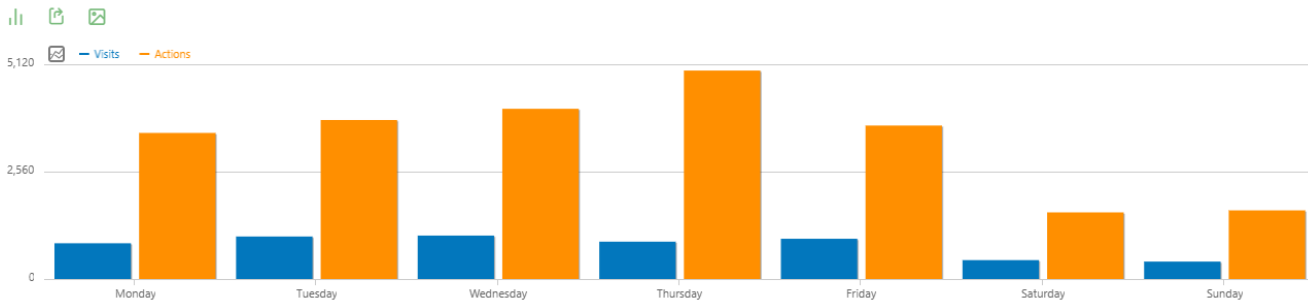
There were 14,901 unique page views of www.louthcoco.ie between 1st and 31st August 2025. The below table shows the pages which received the highest number of page views in August.

PAGE URL	UNIQUE PAGEVIEWS
 /en/	20.8% 3,105
 /en/services/planning/online-planning...	5.6% 828
 /en/services/planning/	3.3% 488
 /en/services/	2.9% 439
 /en/home/	2.5% 368
 /en/services/library/	2.4% 351
 /en/services/dog-pound/	2.1% 315
 /en/contact/louth-county-council/	1.9% 280
 /en/services/planning/online-planning...	1.7% 259
 /en/services/housing/	1.5% 227
 /en/publications/development-plans/	1.5% 217
 /en/louth_county_council/	1.2% 176

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The chart below presents the visits and actions on www.louthcoco.ie in August by Day of the Week. Wednesday was the busiest day for visits and Thursday was the busiest day for actions on the website.

Visits by day of the week



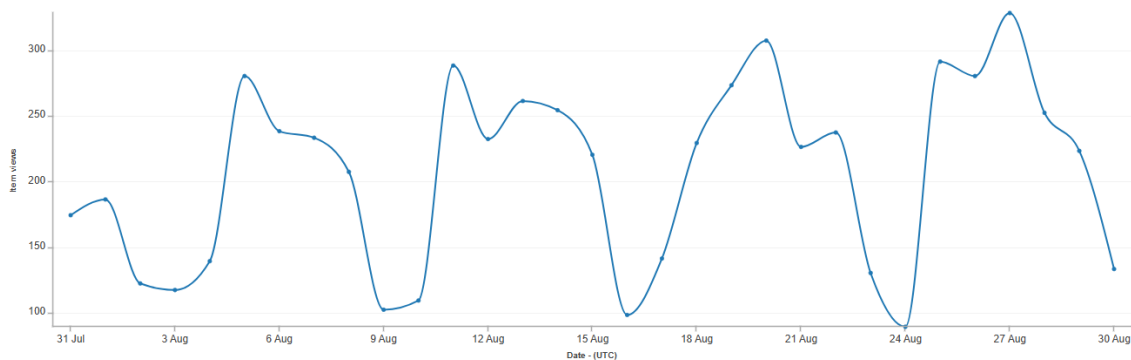
ArcGIS Online – Public Planning Register Map Viewer

LCC provide an online Planning Register Map Viewer which can be accessed from the Online Planning Application and Maps section user Services> Planning on the Louth County Council website. This application is updated regularly to include all planning applications. There were 6,430 views between 01/08/2025 and 31/08/2025, an average of 210 views a day in August,

Item views
6,430

Average item views per day
214.33

Usage time series between 01/08/2025 and 31/08/2025



ArcGIS Online – Saint Patrick's Cemetery Story Map

LCC provide an online Story Map for Saint Patrick's Cemetery Dundalk which provides information about the history of the Cemetery and allows the public to search burial records and identify the location of a grave. In August, the map received 3,145 views an average of 105 views a day.

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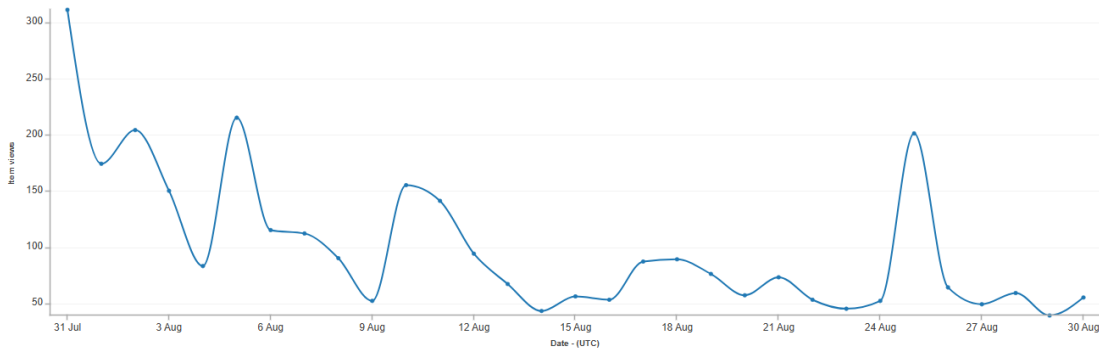
Item views

3,145

Average item views per day

104.83

Usage time series between 01/08/2025 and 31/08/2025



Cyber Security

The ICT Department provide regular cyber security training to all staff within the organisation. The theme of the training in August emphasised how USB drives pose cybersecurity risks as they can carry malware or ransomware that infects systems when plugged in, and they can also be easily lost or stolen, leading to data breaches. Staff were reminded to remain vigilant by only using authorised devices, avoiding unknown USBs, and reporting any suspicious activity to IT security teams.

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

Visit of the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland

An economic/tourism presentation was made during the visit of the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Zhao Xiyuan, on Thursday, 7th August.

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2025

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme is open to applications, from non-domestic commercial properties in County Louth, with a scheme closing date of Friday, 26th September, 2025.

Thirty applications have been received year-to-date.

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.

Visit Louth Statistics (May to August)

- Visitlouth.ie had 19,639 visitors
- Drogheda.ie site had 20,229 visitors
- There were 206 submissions to have events listed via visitlouth.ie

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

The 'Ireland, Home of Halloween' Strategy aims to position Ireland as the authentic global home of Halloween. Following a competitive process, Louth and Meath County Council have been successful in their application to funding under the Fáilte Ireland pilot scheme 'Home of Halloween'. Under the scheme Louth and Meath will receive up to €100,000 annually over a three-year period (2025 - 2028). This investment will support the development of vibrant Halloween experiences that attract visitors during the off-peak season and contribute to regional economic growth. Lú Festival of Light is the named project for Co. Louth. Staff within the Council have joined the steering committee for Lú Festival of Light which is being delivered in 2025 by Love Drogheda BIDS.

Táin Trail Re-imagined

A meeting was held on the 12th August of the stakeholder Councils and Fáilte Ireland to finalise the Terms of Reference for the project.

Tourism Strategy

All consultations and workshops have been completed for the strategy, and it is now at draft stage.

The Centre of Food Culture, Boyne Valley

Development is underway for the Centre of Food Culture's Irish Artisan Food Producers Directory, housed on the Centre of Food Culture's website. With a target launch date of 7th November at the Samhain Symposium, the purpose of this directory is to create a platform for better awareness of artisan food producers across the island of Ireland.

Boyne Valley Flavours

Website Development

Significant progress has been made on the new Boyne Valley Flavours website, which is on track for completion in the coming weeks. The new site will provide an improved platform for members and visitors alike.

Blas na hÉireann

Preparations are underway for this year's Blas na hÉireann, where Boyne Valley Flavours will once again host a dedicated stand to showcase our members and their award-winning produce.

Boyne Valley Bites Initiative

Planning and development work is ongoing for the Boyne Valley Bites initiative. Workshops are scheduled to commence in late September, aimed at supporting members and enhancing local food engagement.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Night Curators Fund – August Activity

Rebranded Night Curators Fund: Re-packaged to highlight its role in supporting emerging talent and new experiences in Drogheda's night-time economy.

August highlights:

- Ceramic workshop hosted by Gatothor Ceramic at The Watchtower (16th August)
- *All That Glitters Cabaret* at McHugh's (29th August)
- *Deadly Craic Comedy Club* at The Watchtower (29th August)

Impact: Promotes the Night Curator brand, helping new organisers and artists bring fresh, vibrant, and diverse experiences to the town's nights.

Drogheda Code Campaign Workshop

Context: Toward the end of July key stakeholders participated in a workshop to develop a campaign to address anti-social behaviour and promote a safe culture of care in Drogheda's nightlife.

Case Study: Inspired by the **Bristol Rules** campaign, a collaborative initiative between Bristol City Council, universities, and local venues aimed at promoting safe and respectful behaviour in the night-time economy; this approach was selected by the Drogheda Purple Flag working group.

Participants: Community-minded stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, chosen for their communication skills and commitment to fostering a positive night-time environment.

Guiding Principles: Developed based on feedback from the *Drogheda by Night Consultation*, focusing on:

- Fostering a drama-free and harassment-free night, particularly for women, LGBTQ+ and minority groups
- Encouraging sensible drinking and promoting a "go easy" approach
- Ensuring respect for everyone, including night shift workers and all community members

Next Steps: A follow-up session will engage a younger cohort to further shape the campaign, which will feature a youthful, urban, and arty design, and be known as the **Drogheda Code**.

Night Moves – Late Cafés Programme



Partnership: Delivered Friday 22nd August in collaboration with **Droichead Arts Centre**, curated by SJ McArdle.

August Activity: Following successful pilot nights earlier this year, late cafés ran from **9.45pm to late**, at **Il Forno, The Coffeebox, and The Bare Food Café**, helping to grow Drogheda's alternative night-time experience.

Offer & Approach: Featured original music and DJs; learnings continue to inform what works in terms of styles, approach, and timings.

Upcoming: Late cafés will return for **Culture Night Late** (19th September) and the **Lú Festival of Lights** (24th – 27th October).

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Enterprise Support Day – Drogheda Library - Thursday 14th August

The LEO team held an enterprise day in Drogheda library on Thursday 14th August to showcase to local businesses the wide array of supports that the LEO office has to offer for small businesses. Engagement was excellent and the event raised awareness of what is available for attendees. One-to-one sessions were also held with LEO staff and attendees afterwards, giving businesses a chance to engage directly and get their questions answered.



LEO Team delivering presentation to businesses in Drogheda Library as part of Enterprise Support Day

LEO Business Training

Business Advice Clinics – Forty-five business advice clinic appointments were carried out in August alongside six financial business advice clinics.

Financial Essentials for Business - This programme was held in August. Open regionally with LEO's Monaghan and Meath, Louth lead on this new development programme for business

owners/managers who want to build confidence and use financial skills in practical ways.

LEO Mentoring - Mentors were appointed to eighteen businesses in August to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

Oidhreacht / Heritage

Heritage Week 2025

August saw Louth's largest ever Heritage Week, with more than 50 separate events taking place across the county, as well as dozens of open days, guided tours, and exhibitions, bringing the events total to 100. Many thanks to all the volunteers who put so much effort into showcasing the heritage that matters to them, to the people of the county, our visitors, and friends.

The success of Heritage Week 2025 also owes much to the support from colleagues in the Council, particularly the Biodiversity Officer and the Louth Library Service, which hosted Heritage Week events in Ardee, Carlingford, and Dundalk Libraries. Creative Spark and Highlanes Gallery also participated in the national event.



Lourdes Brass Band playing at Millmount as part of Heritage Week events



Law and Order History of Dundalk Guided Tour as part of Heritage Week events



Drogheda Tidy Towns present their work to an eager crowd in the Drumshallon Forge Heritage Centre as part of Heritage Week events

Walled Towns Day events funding

In addition to and related to Heritage Week, the Irish Walled Towns Network (the IWTN), a programme of the Heritage Council, has approved funding for public celebratory events, 'Walled Towns Festivals', to take place in early to mid-September, in both Carlingford and Drogheda.

The Drogheda Walled Town Collective will stage the Seán Corcoran Series from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th September. The Heritage Office is also supporting this festival.

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust will host their Carlingford Medieval Festival the following weekend, Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th September.

IWTN conservation funding

The Irish Walled Towns Network also provides funding for conservation works, including for research and studies to make future conservation works possible. The IWTN has offered funding of

€30,000 for the creation of a detailed conservation and interpretation plan for a long stretch of Drogheda's town wall at Featherbed Lane. This project is currently on eTenders, and subject to interest, we would expect to award a contract in the first week of September.

Community Monuments Fund 2025

It is planned that work will begin soon on the three conservation projects funded by The Community Monuments Fund 2025. These are Bellew's Castle (Castletown, Dundalk), Glaspistol (Clogherhead, Drogheda) and Taaffe's castle (Carlingford). A study is underway at Hatch's Castle, Ardee.

The Irish Sisters of Saint Louis agreed to open Bellew's Castle to guided tours during Heritage Week. Many of our visitors were past pupils or teachers of the St. Louis Convent School.



Colm O'Sullivan of Deaton Lysaght Architects and Ronan White of the Irish Sisters of Saint Louis at the Open Day at the conservation works at Bellew's Castle, Castletown

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of July 2025 are given below in tabular form. There were 103 planning applications received during the month of July of which 85 were valid. In addition, there were 40 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 18 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 Developme nts	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other application s-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	4	12	83	1	100
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	3	5	28	1	37
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	0.00% (0)	25.00% (3)	8.43% (7)	0.00% (0)	10.00% (10)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	2	1	1	0	4
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions	0% (0)	100% (1)	0% (0)	0% (0)	25% (1)

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overturned appeal	on					
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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	
	Iúil 2025 / July 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Iúil 2024 / July 2024	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	22	166	20	157
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	27	160	19	151
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	23	157	20	151
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	0	6	2	9
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	6	0	3
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	1	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

Stiúirthóir gníomhach / Acting Director



Operations & Environmental Delivery **Monthly Report for August 2025**

Seirbhísí Bóithre agus Áitiúla / Roads and Local Services

Ceantar Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

Ceantar Dhún Dealgan agus Cuailgne / Dundalk and Cooley Area

Piocadh Bruscair / Litter Picking:

River Walk to Tain Bridge
 Inner Relief Rd to Racecourse Rd
 Old Newry Rd, Lennon Melia, 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 Rd
 CARLINGFORD/OMEATH
 GYLES QUAY
 TEMPLETOWN
 All works carried out in preparation for Event at
 Ladywell Shrine on the 14/08/26.
 New Bin Installed Seatown Place.
 Clean up of Spilled Paint and thinners 40 Doolargy
 Avenue.

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

Folmhú Araidí Poiblí / Emptying of Public Bins

Líon agus minicíocht / Numbers and frequency

Carried out by contractor Declan McArdle

Emptying of bins in Carlingford, Omeath,
 Greenore, Templetown car park, Gyles quay area.
 80 Bins weekly, Special Weekend Bin Collection
 Over Summer Months, for these areas

Scuabadh Bóithre / Road Sweeping All Locations on Declan McArdles Route Mount Rath – Clean up of footpaths and Road by LCC Operations Crew and Multihog. Weeds along Roadside Kerbs cleaned with the Multihog – Barrack St, Redbarns Rd, Point Rd, Jocelyn Drive , St. Marys Rd, Stapleton Drive, Fairgreen Rd, St.Patricks Cemetery, Fatima, Ecco Rd and Fatima. CLEANING OF RESIDUAL CHIPS OF SURFACE DRESSING ROADS, SAFETY REASONS	Bealaí gach tseachtain / Routes per week
Folmhú Araidí Salachar Madra / Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles AS PER BIN MANAGEMENT	Líon gach tseachtain / Number per week
Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála / Ring Buoy Checking 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 Navy Bank x 5 Riverside Walk x 2 Ice House Hill x 3 Ramparts River/Road x 2	Líon Seiceáilte gach tseachtain / Number checked weekly
Seiceál Trealamh Áiteanna Sugartha agus Corpacmhainne / Checking of Playground and Gym Equipment LORDSHIP, COOLEY, CARLINGFORD, OMEATH.	Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil / Number of sites checked daily CHECKED BY OUTDOOR STAFF

Suíomh / Location	Nótaí / Notes
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Deisiú Bóithre / Road Repairs	Cooley ONGOING PATCHING OF LOCAL ROADS ALSO ISOLATED POTHOLE WITHIN THE AREA. ROAD STRENGTHENING CORRKIT L.P 305620. Dundalk Racecourse Rd Armagh Rd Quay St. Hill St Bridge	Potholes filled and loose Grating Repaired. Potholes filled. Potholes filled. Potholes filled and Clean up after Oil Spill.
Feabhasúchán Draenála / Drainage Remediation	Cooley GUILLIE, CULVERTS, CARLINGFORD VILLAGE ST MICHAEL TCE. CLEANING OF WATER RACE, ALSO REMOVING BLOCKAGES ON CULVERTS Dundalk Mount Rath Stapleton Place Naughton Close Ashbrook	Existing Drainage investigated Seized Gully cut open & Cleaned Gullys Cleaned Gullys cleaned and Lines blew out
Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha / Fallen or Dangerous Trees	Newry Rd - Tractor and Flail Ath Lethan – Tractor and Flail O Hanlon Park (On – Call) Greyacre Rd Toberona Junction Mount Rath Centenary Rd & Fairgreen Rd Tom Bellew Av	Cutting Junction to Improve sight lines and ditch to clear cycle lane. Cutting back trees to expose illegal dumping site and Ditches cut back. Remove Fallen tree. Cutting Back Overgrown vegetation. Cutting back Vegetation. Tree Felling. Cutting Verges. Clearing Footpath.
Cothabháil Cosán / Footpath Maintenance	Cooley ST. MICHAEL TCE CARLINGFORD Dundalk Market Square & The Demense	Graffiti Removal, Parasols Cleaned, Bin Repair, Pavement Cleaning and Benches cleaned and Re-painted and Repaired.

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	Ardee Rd Inner Relief Rd - Racecourse Rd Junction to The Tain Bridge Mooreland Rd Mount Rath	Cutting back Vegetation growing over footpath. Cutting back Vegetation growing over footpath. Cutting Verges. Dangerous footpaths removed.
Deisiú Soilse Trácht / Traffic Light Repairs	The Quay Dundalk St. Helenas Cross road / Dublin St. Anne St / Dublin St. R178 / Lis na Dara Avenue Rd / McCreeshs Shop	Pedestrian crossing (on – going) Pedestrian crossing Fixed Light repair (on – going) Reset Repaired
Marcáil Bóithre / Road Markings	<u>Cooley</u> <u>AS PER THE 2025 ROADS</u> <u>WORKS PROGRAM, WHITE</u> <u>LINING YELLOW HATCHING,</u> <u>ALSO CAT EYES R173</u> <u>CORNAMULAGH, ROAD</u> <u>MARKING ON SURFACE</u> <u>DRESSING ROADS</u> <u>GLENMORE</u>	
Comharthaíocht Signage & Bollards	<u>Dundalk</u> Clanbrassil St & Church St Yorke St. Marys Rd Chapel St. St.Patricks Trc / St.Brigids Trc. Castle Rd Mill St. Riverside Crescent New St. Castle St. Lis Na Dara	Installing Multiple Loading Bay, Disabled Parking signs. New pole and Stop sign. New pole and Stop sign. New Stop sign. 4 new pole and 4 new Stop signs New pole and Stop sign. New pole and Stop sign. New pole and Stop sign. New pole and Stop sign. New Pole and Stop sign. 2 New Children at Play signs Installed.

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Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach / Illegal Dumping	<u>Dundalk</u> Williamsons Place Saltown Woodview Coes Rd Pedestrian walkway between Avenue Rd & Tesco 1 Drive 2 Muirhevnamore CCTV Installed – Ath Lethan & Williamsons Place	Fly tipping. Fly tipping. Fly tipping. Bags after Litter Pick. Bags of Rubbish. Dumped household fixtures and fittings.
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Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas August 2025

Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht - 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 - 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 - Killanny, Louth Village, Castlebellingham – checked weekly - Blackrock – checked weekly

Blackrock-Faughart & North Mid-Louth Areas August 2025

Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	Tar patching on LS-7109, Balrigan Kilcurry, LP-3097, Jonesborough road, LS- 7112, Tatebane Hackballscross, LS-7112 Castle Roche Hackballscross, LS-3119, Drumboat Rassan, LT- 31252, Clonaleenaghan Hackballscross, LS-7120,

	Shanmullagh, LS-7107 Sky Hill, Hackballscross, LT-7120 Annaghvack, LT-31171, Courtbane Hackballscross, LT-31121, Carrickalust knockbridge, LP-3117 Shelagh Road, LP-3125, MaghereaghLP-3161, Marlbog Road Haggardstown N/A N/A	Tree pruning/vegetation maintenance/verge trimming Resurfacing/overlay works (by contract)
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	Dundalk to Carrickmacross road, carrickanenna	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, Killicurry, 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 Castleblaney Road, Rices bridge R178, LS-7103 Carn More Killicurry.	Collection of dumped waste for disposal. Collection & disposal after community clean up

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		Notes / Nótai
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	• L-5257-0 Millockstown* • L-2253-47 Phillipstown • L-1264-12 Ballapousta • R165 Purcellstown • LP-2215 Manfieldstown • R170 Dromin • Collen Village Repairs R168 • R170 Dromin Patched (opposite end to SD) • L-6241Togher • L-6223 Dunany	*Denotes - Surface Dressing works completed

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	- Richardstown - L-2226 Drumgoolestown - Sheamie Waldon 5k/10k Route, Ardee	
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	- R170 Dromin Village - N52 Drainage Works and Signage Cleaned - L-1264 Ballapousta - L-2225 Dillonstown - L-2239 Tullydonnell - L-2253-47 Phillipstown - L-5234 Ardee	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	Callout to Old Golf Links Road	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	Ardee Town	
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	- L-5257-0 Millockstown - L-2253-47 Phillipstown - L-1264-12 Ballapousta - R165 Purcellstown - LP-2215 Manfieldstown - R170 Dromin	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	- Carcass of Dog removed from Collon - Incidents at Collon and Dromin	
Additional Notes	- RWP Works Completed at N52 at Duffys Cross - RWP Works Completed at L-1233-7 Artnalivery - Surface Dressing Works Completed - Safety Measures Installed at Ballapousta National School - Attendance RTA on N52 (Kells Road)	

Borough District of Drogheda

Drogheda Town Area

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair - All approach Roads Done Alternatively both North/South of Drogheda Daily (Big Sweeper) - All Town Centre areas cleaned Daily - Powerhousing and Disinfectant of the Following Areas: ➤ Highlanes Steps	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí

➤ Rosemary Lane ➤ West St (Left Side at Dunnes Stores/Pennys) ➤ Cleanup of Bessexwell Lane, Bachelors Lane Daily • Daily Cleaning of; Bottlebanks and Park Bins • Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins • Clean up for the Following Events: ➤ Blessings of the Graves St Marys Parish ➤ Blessings of the Graves St Peter Parish	
Emptying of Public Bins / Folmhú Araidí Poiblí • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead • Clogherhead Beach • Port Beach • Termonfeckin • Baltray • Seapoint Carpark • Two New Litter Bins installed on the PANCR Route Drogheda. • New Litters Bin installed entrance to the Glen at Greenbatter. • A number of Litterbins Bin repaired in Town Centre. • County Bins and Rubbish done daily (including all beaches) • Villages done on alternative days. • Bottlebanks cleaned Daily in County Areas	Numbers and frequency / Líon agus minicíocht
Road Sweeping / Scuabadh Bóithre Multihog 1 Town Centre Sweeping plus cleaning at the Following Areas • Dominick Pk/Ramparts • Mell Carpark • Donore Rd • King St • Bolton Square • Meatmarket Lane • Bachelors Lane • Mayoralty St • Ballsgrove Hill • Windmill Rd • Boyle O Reilly • Newtown Cemetery • Fair Green • Reillys Carpark • Abbey Carpark	Routes per week / Bealaí sa tseachtain

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Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles / FolmhúAraidí Salachar Madra • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead • Clogherhead Beach • Port Beach • Termonfeckin • Baltray • Seapoint Carpark	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain
Ring Buoy Checking / Seiceál Baoithe Tarrthála • Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead • Clogherhead Beach • Port Beach • Termonfeckin • Baltray • Seapoint	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 Clogherhead	Number of sites checked daily / Suíomhanna Seiceáilte Laethúil

Drogheda Rural Area

<i>Location / Suíomh</i>		<i>Notes / Nótaí</i>
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	• L-2308-0 Cockleroad* • L-6315 Melifont* • L-6393 Timullen* • L-2278 Sandpit* • L-6281-0 Termonfeckin* • L-6284 Almondstown* • LS6327 Carstown • L-6281 The Dales (RWP Works) • L-2957 Hamlinstown • L-6302 Brownstown • L-1607 Dowth Road • L-6317 Sheepsgrange • R166 Termonfeckin Bridge • L-2278 Walshestown/Blackhall Cross • L-2290 Tenure • L-6322 Rath NOTE: Attendance and Repairs to Major RTA on N51 with early morning barrier repairs	*Denotes - Surface Dressing Works Completed

Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	• Large Scale Drainage Improvements works Undertaken at Dunleer to R170 • R132 Monasterboice to Valley Inn Outlets • L-2957 Hamlinstown • L-6322 Rath • R170 Dunleer	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	• L-62863 Monasterboice	
Footpath Maintenance/ Cothabháil Cosán	• Repairs to Newtown Graveyard Entrance	
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	• L-2308-0 Cockleroad • L-6315 Melifont • L-6393 Timullen • L-2278 Sandpit • L-6281-0 Termonfeckin • L-6284 Almondstown	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	• Signage Erected to Town Rath Road • Signage erected on N51 • Washing signs Togher • Sandpit to Blackhall • Repair sign Listock • Repair sign Piperstown • Repair sign Sandpit • Replace bollads at Termonfeckin school	
Illegal Dumping / Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from the area; • Newtown Graveyard • Kings Williams Glen Removal of Bags following Locations • Baltray • Termonfeckin • Slane Road • Togher • Newfoundwell Road • Aston Village • Dale • 101 Steps • Forest Grange • Brookville. • Yellowbatter • Maple Drive • Greenhills • ChoRoad Road	

	• Termonfeikin Road • Ballymakenny Road	
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graifítí	Graffiti Removed from the Following Areas: • Domnicks Park Road (Bins and Signs) • Town Centre Location (Bins and Signs) • A Number of bins outside Town Centre (Ongoing)	
	Blue flag Clogherhead Beach and Port Beach Works: • Repair signage • Remove old signage • Paint toilets (outer walls) • Remove sand from car park • Repair foot wash Other: • Regular Inspection of Surface Dressing Signage • Damage to wall N51 Townlyhall and make safe • Replace lifebuoys and boxes Clogherhead and Port Oriel • Re-stone and clear Woodlands Yard • Repair to Public Facilities at Monsterboice Tower Site • Empty Public Facilities at; Monasterbopice, Port and Clogherhead	

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Drogheda Town Area

August 2025

Litter Picking / Píocadh Bruscair	Location and metres per month / Suíomh agus méadar sa mhí
	• Steps and lane ways weekly 22 steps when recourses 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. • Remove dumping at Bessexwell Lane, dumped on public road from building site. • Removal of tyres at St Finian's Pk and The Dale. • Cleaning of greens at Moneymore, St Laurence Pk, Ballsgrove and Rathmullen. • Cleaning of stream grids at the Glen Yellowbatter & Flaxmill Court. • Removal of dumping at Boicecourt. • Removal of litter bags at Baltray, Termonfeckin, Slane Rd, Togher, Newfoundwell Rd, Aston Village, Dale, 101 Steps, Forest Grange, Glenmore Drive, Maple Drive, Greenhills, Cord Rd, Termonfeckin Rd, Ballynackenna Rd, Dublin Rd, Finian's Pk, Flaxmill Lane, Rathmullen Pk & Hillview. • Litter picking at Fair St, St Peters Church of Ireland, William St, Abbey carpark, Reillys carpark, Duke St, Scholes Lane, Georges Sq., Fairgreen, Ballsgrove Hill, Wattery Hill Steps, Bolton Sq, Rope Walk, Patricks St, Bothar Brugha, Parkview, John Paul Court, Willmill Rd & Skellys Lane. • Graffiti removed at St Dominics Pk, Town Centre (signs & street furniture)
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/Portoriel/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., Teromenfeckin, Baltray, Sandpit, Monasterboice, Tullyallen & Tenure.
- Drogheda town Boyne River walkways are swept 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday).
- Particular attention to road sweeping / Graffiti Removal for National Services Day.
- Road sweeping approach roads North & South of Drogheda on alternative days.
- Road sweeping of housing estates at Termonabbey, Bridgeview, Mount Sandford & Westcourt.
- Road sweeping and removal of dumping at Bessexwell Lane & Bachelors Lane, daily.
- Cleaning of Bring banks daily.
- All town centre cleaned daily.
- Road sweeping town centre on daily basis.
- Multi-Hog 1 – Pedestrian Sweeper, town centre and following locations, St Dominics Pk / Ramparts, Mell Carpark, Donore Rd, King St, Bolton Sq., Meatmarket Lane, Bachelors Lane, Mayoralty St, Ballsgrove Hill, Windmill Rd, Boyle O Reilly, Newtown Cemetery, Fair green, O Reillys carpark, Abbey Carpark & North Rd.
- Multi-Hog 2 – Pedestrian Sweeper, housing estates at Forest Pk, Newfield, Ballypark, Forest Grange, Moneymore, St Laurence's Pk, Ashfield, Melifont, Riverview, Boice Court, Hardman Gardens, Yellowbatter, Trinity Gardens, St Peters Place & Pearse Pk.
- Pedestrian Green machine on town centre streets each day and various locations, St Dominics Bridge, Lourdes Sq., Market Sq., Fr Connolly way, Patrickwell Lane, Mell & Fair Green.

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			- Power washing and Disinfectant of steps at Highlanes, Rosmary Lane & Meatmarket. - Bottle banks cleaned and park bins daily.
Emptying Receptacles / Salachar Madra	Dog Fiomhú	Waste Araidí	Number per week / Líon sa tseachtain Empty about 35 No. 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.

August 2025		Location / Suíomh	Notes / Nótaí
Road Repairs / Deisiú Bóithre	Drainage Works		
	- Gully Cleaning Contact 2024 is now complete in Drogheda Town, we continue to monitor all approach roads and town centre streets, it is now intended to prepare tender documents for 2025. - Gully repair works at Mayfield Estate, Elmwood Close & St Patricks Tce. - Drainage gully reinstated and line jetted at Dublin Rd, across from Circle K Garage. - Gully cleaning all gullies on Dublin Rd & Stockwell Lane.		
	LCC's crew		

	5. <i>Pothole repairs at Riverview, Cedarfield, Moneymore, Marian Pk, Crushrod Ave & Fair St.</i> 6. <i>Monitoring of Traffic / Pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, Westgate House & under Bridge of Peace.</i> 7. <i>Preparation for National Services Day, road sweeping, pot holes etc.</i> 8. <i>Public light on Trinity St, after road traffic accident, await contractor to permanently reinstate.</i> 9. <i>Erect pedestrian barriers to front of Westgate house, falling debris from roof.</i> 10. <i>Stock of sandbags in the event of current storms and monitoring of high tides on Wellington Quay & North Quay.</i> 11. <i>Reinstatement of Pedestrian Barriers on King St, after RFA.</i> Road Works Program – Resurfacing works 2025 <i>Works have now commenced at the following roads</i> 1. <i>Bothar Brugha</i> 2. <i>Crosslanes</i> 3. <i>R132 / Crosslanes / Cement Rd.</i> 4. <i>Cord Rd</i> 5. <i>Rathmullen Pk</i> 6. <i>College Rise.</i> 7. <i>Broadmeadows</i>	
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	8. <i>Westgate junction</i> CIS Lanes 2025 <i>Resurfacing at Carstown is now complete.</i> <i>Letter of intent has now been issued to contractor for</i> 1. <i>Greenmount</i> 2. <i>Mount Rath</i> <i>Proposed to commence early October.</i>	
Drainage Remediation / Feabhasúchán Draenála	Gully Cleaning Contact 2024 is now complete in Drogheda Town, we continue to monitor all approach roads and town centre streets, it is now intended to prepare tender documents for 2025.	
Fallen or Dangerous Trees / Crainn Leagtha nó Chontúirteacha	- Plan to crown lift trees at Mount Rath Estate, to facilitate road resurfacing, CIS. - Plan to crown lift trees at College Rise Estate, to facilitate road resurfacing.	
Footpath Maintenance / Cothabháil Cosán	- Dropped kerbs & tactile installation at 20 locations throughout town, agreed with IWA – consultant has now been appointed to prepare contractor documents. - Internal Crew LCC – Marian Pk, Aston Village, Boyne Hall & Dublin Rd at Railway Tavern.	
Traffic Light Repairs / Deisiú Soilse Trác	DR14, Duleek Rd - Platin Rd Ped, Ireland – Lights out	

	• Ardee ped at SlieveBreagh (lights out) • Rathmullen Rd / Marley's Lane (Pedestrian lamp fail Green Phase H) • Slieve Beragh Ardee (near Lidl) – Lights out • DR14 – Duleek Rd / Platin Rd (possible PBU Fault) • DR23, Cross Lane - Windmill Rd Jct, Ireland –Lights out • DRGPD03 – Rathmullen Rd @ Riverbank – pedestrian crossing – lights all out. • R132H – Vehicle Phase Lamp Fail – M1 / Cement Rd / Crosslanes / R132 – DR07 • DR06 – R132 @ Westgate / Fair St jct (Lamps out at Fair green)	
Road Markings / Marcáil Bóithre	• Reinstate road marking after road surfacing at Bothar Brugha, Crosslanes, R132 / Crosslanes / Cement Rd and Cord Rd.	
Signage / Comharthaíocht	• Restriction bollards on Cord Rd – reinstated. • Cleaning of Road signage on approach roads. • Reinstate Bollards at top of Ballsgrove Hill. • Erect CCTV signage at Bring banks. • Reinstate and alter pedestrian barriers at Lourdes Sq. • Bolton Sq, Boyne Bollards repairs. • Finger post signs at Millmount / Duleek St.	

	- Litter sign at Hillfield steps. - Kings St Carpark – cctv signage. - North Rd – R132 – staggered junction sign. - Graffiti and sign cleaning at various locations.	
Litterbin cleaning disinfecting	On-going on weekly basis.	
Graffiti Removal / Glanadh Graffiti	- Removal of graffiti on Street furniture on locations for National Services day. - St Dominics Pk & Town Centre (Signs & Street Furniture)	
Illegal Dumping / Environmental issues Dumpáil Neamhdhleathach	- Removal of tyres at St Finian's Pk & Dale. - Cleaning of stream grids at Glen and Flaxmill Court.	

Bainistíocht Dramháil, Gníomh Comhshaoil 7 Aeráide / Waste Management, Environment & Climate Action

Waste Enforcement Summary of Complaints

A total of 13 complaints were received and investigated by the Waste Enforcement team in August 2025, some of which remain open pending further investigations.

Complaint Type	Received in Aug 2025	Total Received in 2025
Waste/ C&D	13	179

Diesel Laundering Waste

There were no IBCs removed by the Council to date in August 2025. The total cost for clean-up, removal and disposal of diesel laundering waste to date in 2025 is approximately €68,140.60.

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 July 2025 and the enforcement actions taken.

Inspection Type	No.
Non-Construction & Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	130
Number of above relating to Household Waste/ waste presentation inspections	81
Construction and Demolition Waste Complaints Investigated	36
Inspections of Waste Permitted Facilities	10
Inspections of Authorised Treatment Facilities	1

Multi-agency inspections	3
Hazardous waste sectoral inspections	2
Inspections in relation to Construction & Demolition waste at construction/development sites	16
Inspections of sites under commercial waste segregation	2
Inspections of sites notified under Article 27	16
Inspections under the Packaging Regulations – Suspected Major Producers	10
Inspections under the Plastic Bag Levy	1
Inspections under ELVs Regulations	1
Desktop Annual Return Validations Completed	18
Inspection of Planning Permissions	36
Enforcement Action	
Waste Warning Letters	155
Section 55 Notice under Waste Management Act	2
Section 14 Directions under the Waste Management Act	2
Fixed Payment notice under the Waste Collection Permit Regulations	7

Anti-dumping Initiative

Louth County Council Environment Section has been approved funding from the Department to host its annual mattress and couch amnesty events which have been a very successful event each year.

The Mattress and Couch Amnesty Event for 2025 is scheduled to take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 3rd September 2025** at 9.30am – 5.30pm at Dundalk & Drogheda V&W Civic Amenity Centres.

- **Thursday 4th September 2025** at 9.30am – 3.30pm at Kieran & McGee Ardee Livestock Sales Yard in Ardee, Co. Louth.



CCTV

CCTV cameras are now operational at 3 sites in Co. Louth with an aim to deter people from committing waste and litter offences. The locations of the cameras are:

- Racecourse Road, Dundalk
- Williamsons Place, Dundalk and
- King Street Carpark Bring Bank, Drogheda

Cameras will be installed at additional locations in the coming weeks.



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 August, Litter Wardens completed 194 investigations in response to dumping reported by members of the public. 24 Fixed Penalty Notices

were issued in August where evidence was found under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Dog Fouling Awareness

5-hour foot patrols were undertaken by the Litter Wardens on 6th of August at Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint Beech.

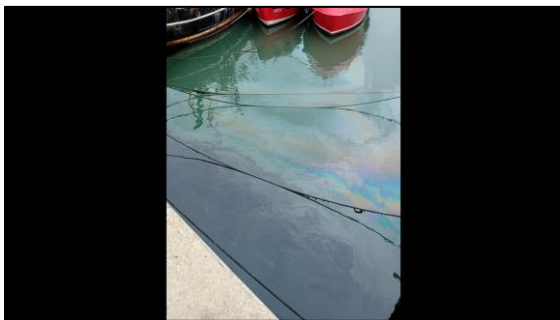
The main emphasis was on awareness of dog fouling and clean-up after your dog



Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and Complaints

8 Water pollution complaints were received in August 2025. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.



Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

11 air pollution complaints were received this month. Complaints were investigated and are either closed or in progress. One related to suspected backyard burning and further investigation required. The remaining complaints related to odour from agricultural spreading and odour from a wastewater treatment plant. 5 noise pollution cases received. One of these related to noise from a commercial business in a business park. The Council have engaged with the business to see what mitigation measures can be implemented. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm Survey Inspections

During the month of August, Louth County Council carried out 8 planned farm survey inspections and 3 re-inspections under the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations 2022 (GAP). One warning letter was issued.

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 September.

Small Stream Impact Score (SSIS) sampling began in the Dee_060 catchment. Up to 15th August 8 sampling sites have been sampled – awaiting laboratory results. Summaries of each site will be uploaded to EPA. Further sites have been identified and expected to be concluded by end of September 2025.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 13 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in August for Section 4 Discharge

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Licences. Follow-up corrective actions are required at some of the sites.

Decorative Paint Regulations

Two premises in the county were issued with renewal certificates in August.

Licenced landfills

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

Septic Tanks

3 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in August.

Septic tank inspections commenced in June as per requirements of the EPA National Inspection plan 2022-2026.

One inspection was carried out in August. Advisory notices have been issued to homeowners where corrective action is required. 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

32 planning reports were completed for August 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.

Bathing Water Regulations

Sampling of bathing waters continued twice per week at Templetown, Port, Clogherhead and Seapoint during August. This is in accordance with the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008.

Animal Control and Welfare

There were sixty valid Sugar CRM cases assigned to Animal Control and Welfare during August 2025, with seven still in progress.

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound July 2025	
Total dogs through the pound	25
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	12
Surrendered by owners	13
No dogs reclaimed by owners	4
No of dogs rehomed direct	3
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	7
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/08/2025	6

Dog Licences July 2025	
No of Licences sold	472
Licence Checks:	
House calls	423
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	106
Fixed Penalty Notices	22

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound July 2025	
Horses seized, and reason for seizure:	0
Horses reclaimed by owner	0
Horses rehomed	0
Horses disposed of	0
No. of horses on hand in Pound on 31/08/2025	0



Little Coco was surrendered at 15 years of age as her loving owner became homeless and was unable to find accommodation accepting of pets. Coco has now been transferred to a rescue organisation

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments July 2025	
Total no of registered DBEs in Louth (as at 31/08/2025)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2

Climate Action

The Climate Action and Sustainability Strategic Policy Committee SPC held the second meeting of 2025 in the Dunleer Market House on 31st July 2025. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 22nd September 2025.

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.

Funding

The CLIMAAX risk project continues with the preparation and completion of the phase 1 risk screening for County Louth.

This has delivered a high-level overview of the main risks for the county. Over the next number of months, each of the priority risks will be examined in greater detail. This phase two of the project will bring a much more detailed understanding of climate risk for at a county level.

Risk Scoring Matrix												
This scoring method helps prioritise climate risks for County Louth under the high emissions RCP 8.5 scenario. It uses four variables: frequency, frequency, coverage and influence.												
Risk Description	Return (R100)	Loss (R100)	Return (R100)	Loss (R100)	Return (R100)	Loss (R100)	Return (R100)	Loss (R100)	Return (R100)	Loss (R100)	Return (R100)	Loss (R100)
1. Flooding (River & Coastal)	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4
2. Heavy Rainfall	2	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	2	2	2	2
3. Windstorms	3	5	3	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
4. Heatwaves	2	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	12	36	36	36
5. Drought	2	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	12	36	36	36
6. Snow & Cold Spells	1	1	2	1	5	5	3	2	36	12	12	12
7. Wildfires	2	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	6	12	12	12
Legend: Low (Green), Medium (Yellow), High (Red)												



Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Fund was launched by Minister Ryan. Training around state aid and administering this fund was attended by the Climate Action Coordinator and Community Climate Action Officer.

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 DECC is a key role of the Community Climate Action Officer. There is almost daily contact between LCC and DECC 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 second round of the Community Climate Action Fund is expected to open for applications in Autumn. The Community Climate Action Officer hosted a number of drop-in clinics to discuss the upcoming Community Climate Action Fund and answer queries.



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>



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Community Climate Action Officer would like to acknowledge the work of all community groups who are currently working on projects as part of the Community Climate Action Fund. 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

Biodiversity Action

National Heritage Week

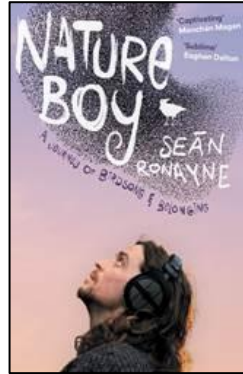


This National Heritage Week, Louth County Council's Biodiversity Officer Helen Hanratty was delighted to welcome Seán Ronayne, Cork-born ornithologist, wildlife sound-recordist, award-winning author, and environmental activist to Coillte managed Townley Hall Woods for a dawn chorus walk.

On Sunday 17th August, more than 30 people braved the early morning start, charmed by birdsong and learning about the beauty and wonder of Irish nature through sound and stories from Seán.

The event helped to raise awareness of the importance of our native birds and the threats they face. 63% of Irish birds are at risk of extinction and there is minimal native woodland remaining.

Seán will be back in Louth on 26 November at the An Táin Arts Centre, Dundalk for his [Natureboy: The Journey of Birdsong and Belonging illustrative talk](#)



Photos: National Heritage Week Seán Ronayne Dawn Chorus Walk, Townley Hall

The Louth County Council Biodiversity Officer hosted a Beach Clean & Bioblitz at Clogherhead blue flag beach on Saturday 23rd August to mark National Heritage Week's Wild Child Day. Helen Hanratty helped to teach people more about the wealth of wildlife that lives on our shores and how best to protect sealife from plastic pollution. Thirty children and adults worked together carrying out a [Seashore Spotter](#) photo safari submitting records to the National Biodiversity Data Centre as part of the Explore Your Shore campaign.



Photos: National Heritage Week Wild Child Day Beach Clean & Bioblitz, Clogherhead

If you'd like to learn more about the Big Beach Biodiversity Blitz or take part in a Seashore Spotter Survey of your own see [Ireland's Marine Biodiversity Citizen Science Platform - Explore Your Shore!](#) There are free training videos, an online course, species identification posters and you can submit records of the species you spot.



National Hedgerow Week (Fri 29 Aug - Sun 7 Sept)

National Hedgerow Week is a partnership between Teagasc and The Heritage Council. The week aims to raise awareness of the importance of hedges for agriculture, biodiversity and climate. Events are free to attend and are open to all.

The events scheduled for the week are organised by Teagasc, Heritage and Biodiversity Officers in Local Authorities and others. All events are suitable for farmers, contractors and others. For the programme of events please see: [National Hedgerow Week 2025 | The Heritage Council](#)



Lunchtime Talk: “Celebrating Hedgerows – Nature’s Living Boundaries”

Speaker: Dr. Áine Lynch, National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

1-1:45, Friday 29th August 2025

Online via Microsoft Teams: [Join the meeting now](#)

Teagasc Signpost Series Webinar - Better Hedge Cutting – 9:30-10:30, 5 September 2025

This episode of the Signpost Series as part of National Hedgerow Week will focus on Better Hedge Cutting. The webinar will feature guest speaker Francis Quigley, Machinery Specialist, Teagasc. To register for the event, sign up here:

[The Signpost Series Webinars - Teagasc | Agriculture and Food Development Authority](#)

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

August: August’s seeds feed next year’s bees. Wildflower meadows are looking tired now. This is a normal and important part of their cycle. They will soon be dropping their seeds which will emerge as next year’s wildflowers. Don’t mow yet!

Get involved: Harvest your wildflower seeds to sow locally

Find out more: [Collecting and Using Pollinator-friendly Wildflower Seed](#)



September: Time to mow your meadow. Most wildflowers will have dropped their seeds by now. If you have a long-flowering meadow, this is the time to cut it. Make sure you remove grass cuttings to reduce the fertility of the soil, helping more wildflowers grow.

Find out more: [Creating & Restoring Meadows in Local Communities & Gardens](#)

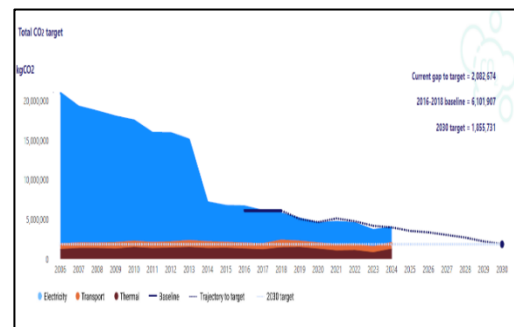
Sustainability ENERGY

Monitoring & Reporting of Council Energy and Compliance

The Council’s energy data was reported to SEAI for 2024, earlier this year. Our submission was audited by SEAI, and the auditor has now confirmed that our reporting of that data was accurate and compliant and that the Council passed the Data Verification Assessment (DVA) process satisfactorily.

While the audit identified some opportunities for improvement, these will be integrated into our Energy Management System (EnMS) and future energy data reporting processes for 2025. Our EnMS is dynamic and continuously updated to reflect current energy legislation, including new directives, ensuring ongoing compliance as we progress toward our 2030 targets.

We are currently **ahead of the 2030 energy efficiency target** and **remain on the glidepath to achieving our CO₂ emissions target**—indicating that we are firmly on track. These achievements demonstrate our commitment to supporting the public sector in meeting its overall energy and climate goals.



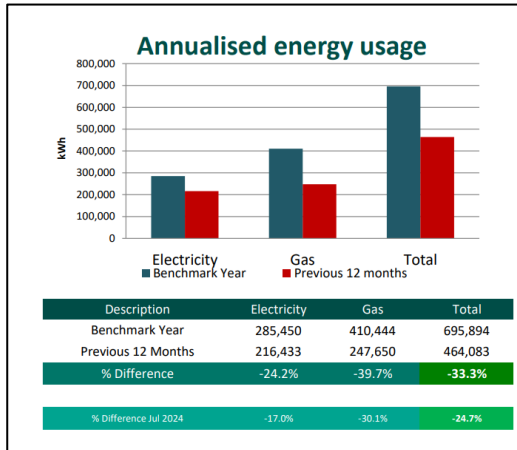
Graphic: Louth County Council's Progress towards National Energy Emissions Target for 2030.

Optimising Power @ Work Programme

County Hall

Energy consumption in this building has reduced by 33% since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2016. The total annual unit consumption of energy has decreased from 695,894 kWh to 464,083 kWh. Electricity consumption on site has reduced by 24%. The

number of units of electricity has decreased from 285,450 kWh to 216,433 kWh. Gas consumption on site has reduced by 40%. The number of units of Gas has decreased from 410,444 kWh to 247,650 kWh

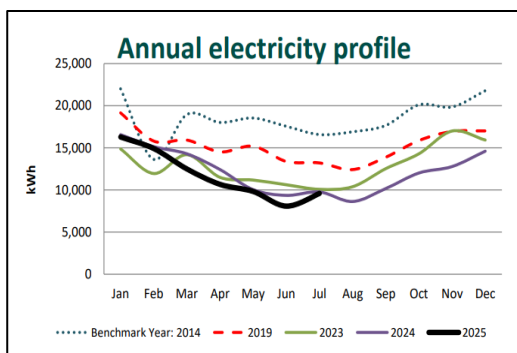


Graphic: Energy Reduction at County Hall

Dundalk Town Hall

Annual electricity consumption in this building has been reduced by 37% since joining the Optimising Power @ Work campaign in 2014

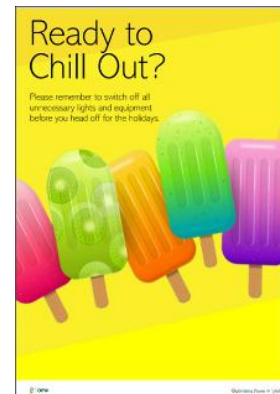
The total annual unit consumption of electricity has decreased from 221,634kWh to 140,113kWh. Monthly comparison data shows that July 2025 electricity consumption is 42% lower (6,984 kWh) than July 2014.



Graphic: Electricity Use at Dundalk Town Hall

Behavioural Change through Staff Awareness Programme

As part of this programme the energy team communicates with all staff through a coordinated communications effort, including direct emails, posts on the internal communications app, and eye-catching posters placed in buildings classified as Significant Energy Users.



Graphic: Focus on Shutting-off Power on Devices during annual leave

H2020 VARCITIES Project

The Varcities project and the 3 visionary solutions implemented at The Still were discussed on Dundalk FM with an interactive conversation by Ursula Conlon, Executive Planner and the host Marissa Lucchesi. For more information on how community groups can book The Still or to find out more about how Nature Based Solutions were used to transform this former staff car parking area, please contact a member of the Varcities team at energy@louthcoco.ie



Graphic: Ursula Conlon of Louth CC spoke with Marissa Lucchesi about the Varcities Project

The project nomination in the Smart Cities category of the E-Government Awards, highlights council leadership in harnessing digital innovation to enhance urban sustainability and citizen engagement. E Government Award Winners will be announced on the 18th of September.



Graphic: Varcities Project nomination in the Smart Cities category of the E-Government Awards

FACILITIES

Improvements at Council Machinery Yards

Electric Vehicle Charging

In order to support new electric vehicles purchased recently, a number of additional new Electric Vehicle Charging points have been installed at Council Machinery Yards. 10 No. new electric vehicle charge points and associated marked spaces have been provided at the Council's Machinery Yard at Fair Street, Drogheda.



Photos: New EV Charging Facilities at Drogheda's Machinery Yard

Each new charging point can provide 11 KW of power and output from simultaneously charging vehicles will be managed to limit overall power demand.



Photo: Civils works in progress for New EV Charging Facilities at Dundalk Machinery Yard

Planning and works are in progress for a similar number of new EV charge points at Dundalk, where the civils works are already completed. Machinery Yards at Ardee Woodlands are also to receive 10 each so 40 new EV charge points will be provided in total.

New Lockers for Outdoor Staff

New lockers have been provided for Ardee Machinery Yard for Council staff based there. 18 lockers have been provided to store outdoor staff workwear.



Photos: New Lockers for Council Staff at Ardee

Drogheda Machinery Yard Security Upgrade

Works are almost completed to improve access control and security at the Council's Machinery Yard at Fair St Drogheda. progress on the security upgrade.

The works include additional CCTV Cameras, automated main gate entry, system and improved access control for staff offices.

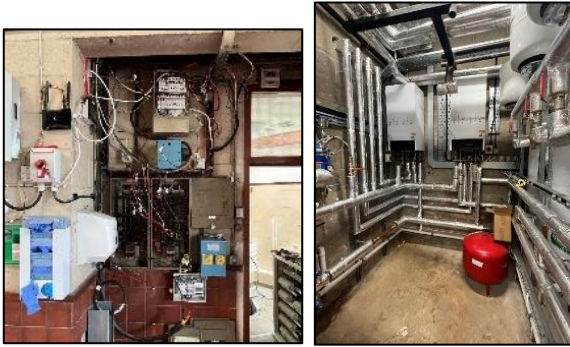


Photo: New Electrical Supply for Automated Gates at Fair St Machinery Yard Drogheda

Dundalk Fire Station Energy Upgrade

Energy upgrade works for new heat pump at Dundalk Fire Station (to replace the existing gas boiler) are nearing completion. These improvement works include a newly installed 32kW Viessman Vitocal Air Source Heat Pump and all other associated ancillary plant and equipment.

The new system is fully automated and should not require station staff intervention. The new controls will be set to mirror legacy heating and hot water schedules, and it includes weather compensation, so it does not require any manual switching.



Photos: Enabling Works at Dundalk Fire Station for Energy Upgrade

Solar Photo Voltaic Project for 22 Council Buildings

OHK Energy of Castleblayney County Monaghan has now commenced works for Louth County Council for construction of new Solar Photo Voltaic Units at 22 Council buildings.

The works are expected to take some 6 months to complete but are depended on obtaining agreements with ESB for microgeneration to permit export of surplus electricity to the national grid.

The proposed installations are expected to deliver a combined generation capacity of 600–700 kWp, with an estimated offset of over 450,000 kWh of imported grid electricity annually.

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 is limited for the duration of the works.

Construction works have identified some problems particularly with the roof, and asbestos floor tiles. However, these items are being managed to minimise the additional cost and time necessary to complete the works.



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

North Louth Operation Depot Upgrade

The Council has engaged the services of Van Dijk Architects to manage the upgrade of the North Louth Operations base located at Ballaverty, Bush, Riverstown, Co. Louth.

Anticipated timelines for the project are as follows:

- Q4 2025 Part VIII planning application.
- Q1 2025 Tender & Contractor appointment
- Q3 2025 Works completed



Photo: The Bush Yard at Ballaverty Carlingford

Millmount Wall Repair

McGuigan Builders of Clontibret, Co. Monaghan, has been engaged to undertake repair works to walls at Millmount..

The works involve repairs to damaged and collapsed sections of walls adjacent to the public road and at the access pathway leading to the tower.

Works have been deferred until first week in September and are expected to take 6 – 8 weeks to complete.



Photo: Wall Repairs at Millmount Drogheda

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

Fire Service

ACFO John Madden joined Louth Fire and Rescue Service from Westmeath Fire Service this month. His primary role will be within operations managing the retained crews among other duties.

FF Ryan Devlin also started on Blue Watch in Drogheda joining Louth Fire and Rescue Service from Dublin Fire Brigade. He is the first person to join the full-time system since the commencement of the 5 Group Duty System started in 2012. This is because of an open recruitment competition process commencing for the first time this year.

Fire Service Training

August is generally a quiet month for training and the training centre. However, one course was in the month. A NDFEM accredited Mod 2 Station Officer course was run in the Dundalk training centre. While many students came from Louth, students from various other Fire Services including Laois, Kildare and Meath also attended. With Instructors from Louth and Kilkenny fire service, 12 students were tested during the week, using the national syllabus, on their ability to manage

medium size scale incidents. The final exercise took place in the council depot simulating a large fire within the laundered diesel yard.



LCCFRS procured new fire ground radios through the national framework for radios from Telent Technology Service. The National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management are supporting this with capital funding in excess of €2.3 million. Dublin Fire Brigade (DCC) as the lead authority, cited each individual fire authority on the tender and contact documentation which enables all Fire Authorities to avail themselves of the hardware and services.

All the existing fire ground radios are being replaced including new charging banks and in vehicle chargers. The value of the replacement program is €103,500.

The retained recruitment process continued with medicals and vetting for new recruits being undertaken this month. A national recruit course

run by LCCFRS in Dundalk Fire Station is due to start 22nd September 2025.

Continuing with the recruitment program, additional suitability testing are also scheduled for September for potential new recruits that have submitted applications.

Fire Prevention

The prevention team continues its proactive approach to fire safety through ongoing processing of Fire Safety Certificates (FSCs), including a notable application concerning material alterations at the Fair Street offices.

To date 90 Fire Safety Certificates have been received in 2025 with 9 received in August.

Louth Fire Service continues to demonstrate strong community engagement through a wide range of fire safety activities. These include educational outreach such as school visits, creche visits, and the structured Primary School Programme, all aimed at teaching children essential fire safety knowledge through talks, demonstrations, and interactive sessions

Operational crews continue to carry out During Performance Inspections (DPIs) as part of their commitment to maintaining fire safety standards. This month, four 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. This month there were 11 no. Community Fire Safety engagement with the community

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4 no. DPI's carried out in August.

Building Control

The main workload of the Building Control Section is processing Disabled Access Certificate applications and Certificates of Compliance on Completion and the backlog of these resulting from

the significant increase in applications during 2024 and 2025.

Disability Access Certificates (to date 2025)	74
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2025	234
Total Number of valid Commencement Notices for August submitted	34

Civil Defence

Training

3 volunteers completed First Aid Responder Recertification (FAR) x 2 days

10 volunteers completed 2 days of Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) training

1 volunteer commenced training as a Cardiac First Responder (CFR) and FAR instructor.

3 days completed so far. Louth Civil Defence hosted a Community First Responder training day, this was attended by

80 volunteers from the North East region. 5 new volunteers completed a CFR course

Duties

6 volunteers attended an Emergency Services Exhibition day at the Sky Park in Carlingford. They demonstrated a range of Civil Defence capabilities including medical, rescue and drones.

16 volunteers provided medical and mountain rescue cover for the All Ireland Poc Fada in the Cooley mountains. Monaghan Civil Defence also provided assistance for this.

Call Outs

21 volunteers responded to 10 Community First Responder callouts treating 7 patients

Additional

Civil Defence provided CFR training to 16 local authority staff.

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.

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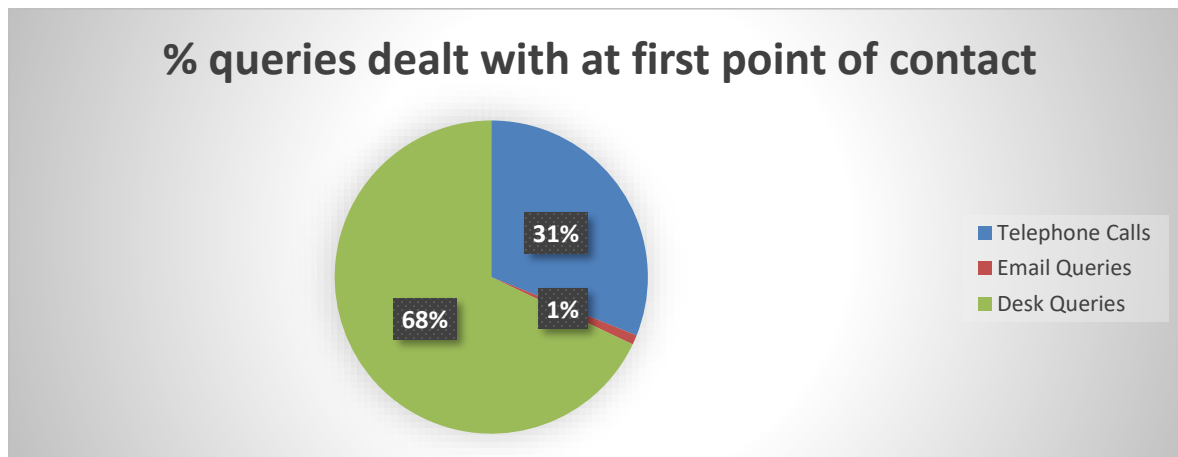
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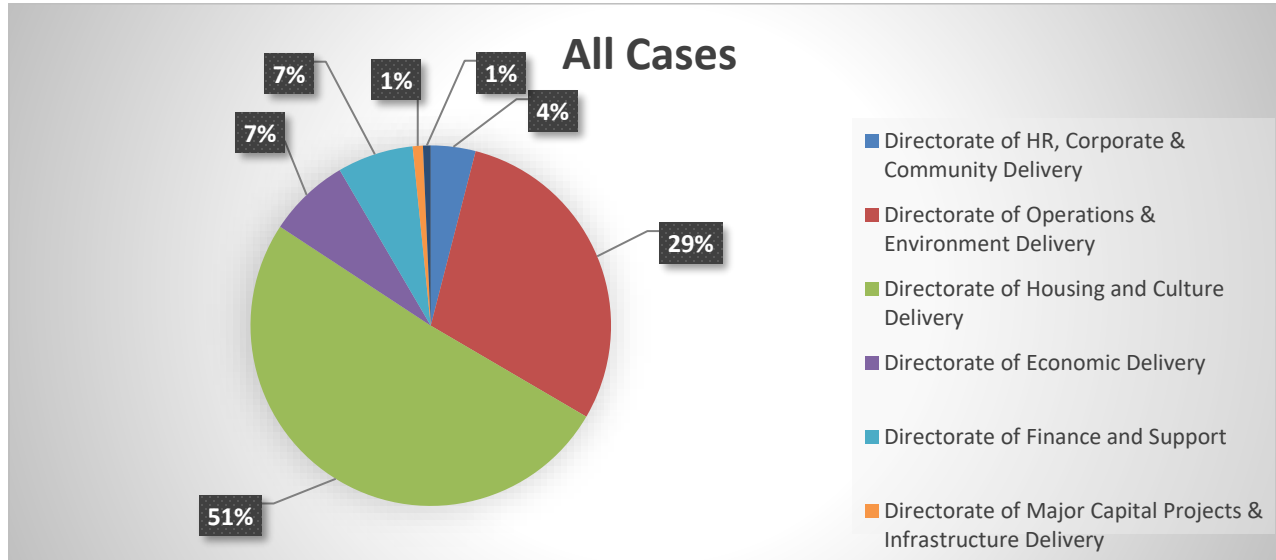
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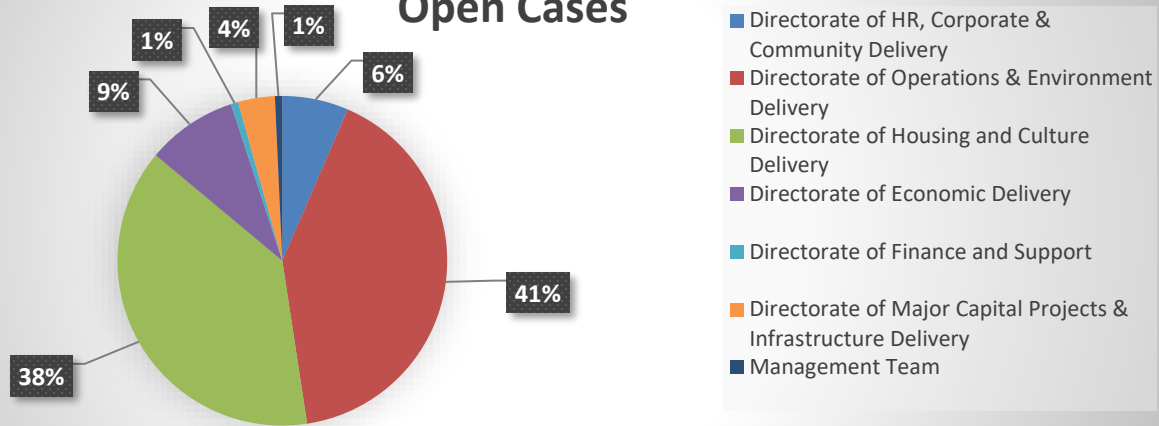
During the month of August 2025 Customer Services dealt with 16,419 queries inclusive of 7,968 calls, 1,250 e-mails and 7,201 counter queries. 10,174 (62%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:



There were 3,168 valid Sugar CRM cases recorded during Aug 2025 of which 302 were received from elected members. A total of 416 (13%) remain unresolved by end of August, broken down by directorate as follows:



Open Cases



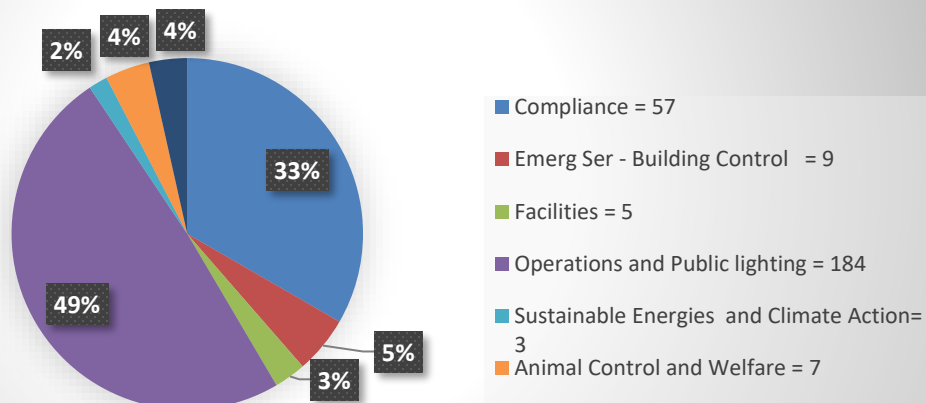
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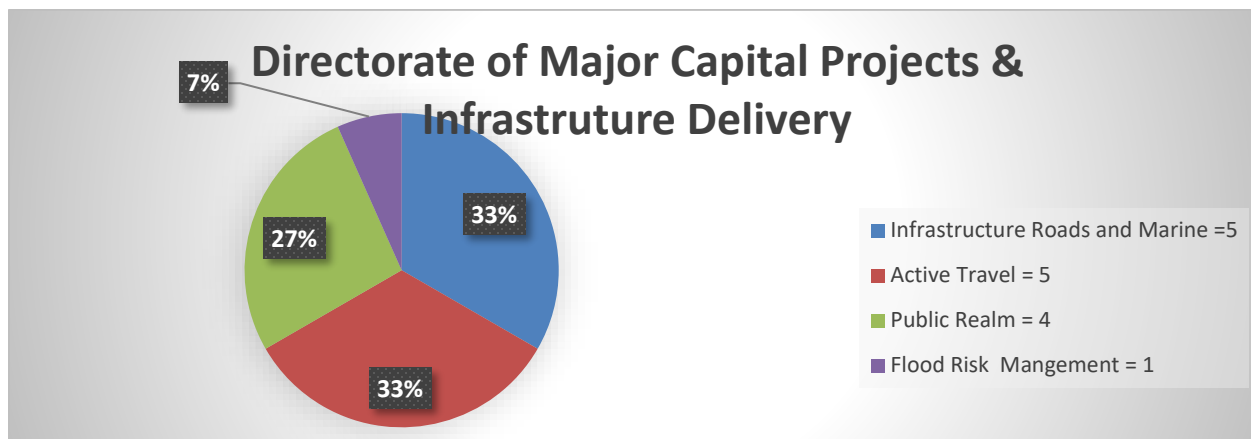


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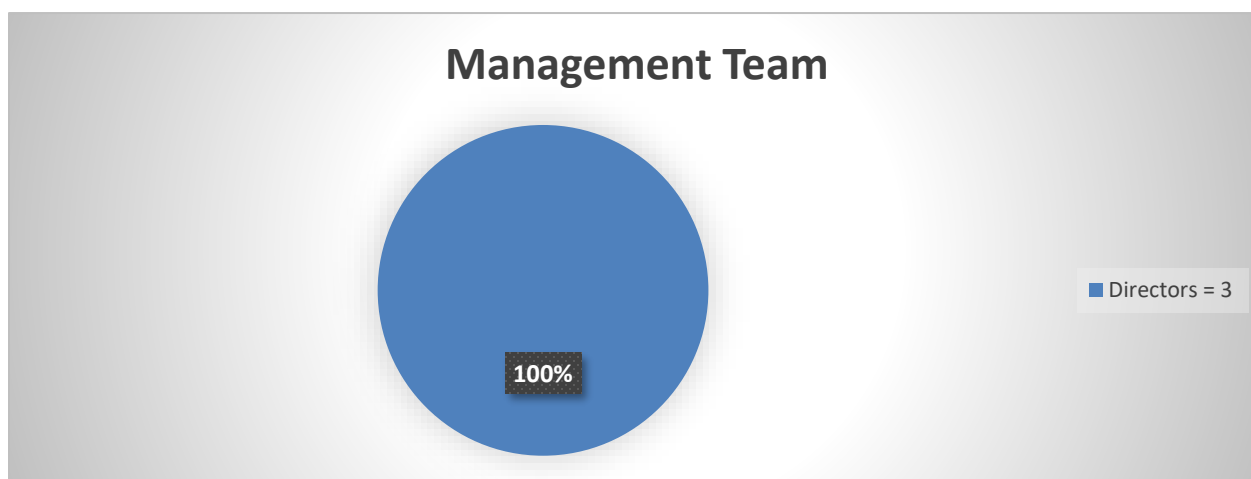
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Directorate of Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery



Management Team



The table below illustrates activity in the redress area.

Request Received	2024 Total Jan- Aug	2025 Total Jan – Aug	2025 Aug only
FOI REQUEST	103	93	8
DSAR	11	19	3
DATA PROTECTION REQUEST	12	26	1
(AIE) INFORMATION	10	8	1
OMBUDSMAN REQUEST	13	22	3
COMPLAINTS	33	15	2

Clár Toghthóirí / Electoral Register

Field Officers continue to actively engage with communities across the county. During August, targeted outreach was carried out in Ardee, Dundalk, and South Drogheda.

We are pleased to report that Phase One and Phase Two of the Electoral Register Data Cleansing Project have now been completed. As a result, a significant number of constituents have been contacted regarding duplicate entries on the register. It is essential that all constituents visit www.checktheregister.ie to verify and update their details, especially in light of the extensive work undertaken nationally to improve the accuracy of the register.

In the coming weeks, awareness campaigns will be launched in preparation for the Presidential Election. We strongly encourage all eligible electors to ensure their information is current and correct on the Electoral Register as early as possible, to safeguard their entitlement to vote.



Tacaíocht Pobail / Community Support

Age Friendly Louth



Ardee Garden Care and Repair Project – Age Friendly Judging Panel Visit

The Ardee Garden Care and Repair Project proudly welcomed the Age Friendly Judging Panel to the Dee Hub on 13th August. This impactful initiative—developed through collaboration between Age Friendly Louth, Ardee Tidy Towns, Dee Hub, An Garda Síochána and the Council—provides free gardening services to older and vulnerable residents in the Ardee area.

The judging panel, which included Mr. Ned Gleeson, Ms. Anna Haugh and Dr. Emer Coveney, was warmly received by Cathaoirleach Dolores Minogue, elected representatives and project partners. The visit began with an engaging presentation at the Dee Hub, followed by a site tour to Sliabh Breagh, where the panel witnessed the project's impact firsthand.

Volunteers demonstrated the gardening work being carried out, and residents shared heartfelt stories about how the service has enhanced their independence and wellbeing. The visit highlighted the project's strong community impact, alignment with Age Friendly principles and its nomination for a National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Award.

Age Friendly Louth and Dee Hub played a central role in coordinating the visit and administering the project, showcasing a successful model of collaboration and community care.



Age Friendly Judging Panel Visit to Sliabh Breagh, Ardee

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Female Participation in Sport (Thematic Project)

On Sunday 10th August, Louth PPN hosted our second event aimed at increasing female participation in sport in Dundalk Sports Complex. This event was well attended by all age categories (from primary-school age girls to young-at-heart women) and featured the sports of tennis and pickleball.



Louth PPN Female Participation in Sport Event

Training Courses

On Thursday 7th August, Louth PPN opened registration for their upcoming courses in:

- Intermediate-level Canva / Digital Marketing
- Social Media
- Crisis Communication

Healthy Louth

Healthy Louth Supports Irish Homeless Street Leagues with Inspiring Event at Dundalk Simon Community

Healthy Louth in conjunction with the Irish Homeless Street Leagues was proud to host a meaningful and motivational event at Dundalk Simon Community this month.

GAA legend Mr. Oisín McConville delivered a powerful talk on addiction and recovery, sharing his personal journey and offering encouragement and practical advice to those facing similar challenges. His openness and honesty resonated deeply with attendees, creating a space of empathy, hope and connection.

Following the talk, guests enjoyed a meal provided by Rocksalt, adding a sense of community and comfort to the afternoon.

This event was made possible thanks to the generous support of ALL – Adult Literacy for Life, whose funding continues to enable impactful initiatives that promote inclusion, wellbeing and personal growth.



Ms. Annmarie Watters, Healthy Louth Co-Ordinator, with Mr. Oisín McConville



'Not Around Us' Campaign Event



Participants in the Irish Homeless Street Leagues Louth

"Not Around Us" Campaign

Healthy Louth enjoyed a vibrant morning at Oriel Park on Saturday 23rd August, in support of the Not Around Us campaign. The atmosphere was electric, with lively music motivating participants as they completed six laps around the pitch. Adding to the excitement, several Dundalk FC players joined the walk—much to everyone's delight—fresh off their impressive 7–0 victory against Trinity in Limerick the night before.

The Not Around Us initiative aims to:

- Protect children and young people from exposure to second-hand smoke
- Help de-normalise smoking in spaces shared with children and young people
- Reduce the environmental impact, clean-up costs, and damage caused by discarded tobacco products
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"We're Breastfeeding Friendly Louth" Update

Healthy Louth was proud to welcome several new venues to the We're Breastfeeding Friendly Louth campaign. These latest additions strengthen our countywide commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive spaces for breastfeeding families.

This initiative promotes a supportive environment for parents and babies across County Louth. By registering, businesses and organisations publicly affirm their dedication to making breastfeeding welcome in their premises.

Want to see who's already on board? Explore the interactive GIS map to discover the community groups, businesses, and organisations participating in the campaign.

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/community/programmes/healthy-louth/breast-feeding-friendly-location>



Healthy Louth Co-Ordinator, Ms. Annmarie Watters, with recent signups to 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly Louth' Campaign

Public Consultation Opens for Louth County Council's Active Louth Plans - Play Policy, Local Sports Plan and Outdoor Recreation Plan

On 18th August, the Council, in collaboration with Sector 3 Solutions, launched the Active Louth public consultation process. This initiative invites community input to help shape future plans for outdoor recreation,

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local sports facilities and play opportunities for all age groups.

Surveys are available online via the Council's website, social media and by email request at activelouth@louthcoco.ie. The survey link is: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/J1CHF1>

In-person consultation events will be held at:

- Ardee Parish Hall – Monday 1st September (5–7pm)
- The Barbican Centre, Drogheda – Thursday 4th September (5–7pm)
- Dundalk Sports Centre – Tuesday 9th September (5–7pm)

“Bag It, Bin It” Awareness Day

As part of a six-month dog fouling awareness campaign, the Council's Community Support Team hosted a successful “Bag It, Bin It” Awareness Day at St. Dominic's Park, Drogheda on 10th August. The event aimed to promote responsible pet ownership and raise awareness of the environmental and health impacts of dog fouling in a fun, family-friendly setting.

Highlights included a dog show competition, live music by the Drogheda Brass Band, Drogheda Animal Rescue stall and dog-themed face painting for children. Attendees who pledged to “Bag It Bin It” received doggie giveaways such as coats and bone-shaped bag dispensers.



Community Gardaí supporting “Bag it, Bin it” Campaign

Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) Campaign – Dundalk Event

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT), in collaboration with the Council's Community Support team, brought its

national awareness campaign to the Market Square, Dundalk. The campaign, which has been running successfully across Ireland, aims to educate the public on the environmental impact of gum litter and encourage positive behaviour change. The event featured fun, interactive activities designed to engage the community while raising awareness of the €150 fine for improper gum disposal.



The GLT team with Cathaoirleach, members of the Irish Wheelchair Association, Dundalk Tidy Towns and the Community Support Team.

PEACEPLUS



A request for tender for PEACEPLUS ‘Digital Arts Project’ was advertised on the e-Tenders website on the 21st August.

Tenders were assessed by Tender Assessment Panels for the following projects:

- Sports Leadership and Mentoring Project
- Youth Leadership and Mentoring Programme
- Youth Community Safety, Engagement Wellbeing and Signposting’ project.

Tenders were received before the closing date of 22nd August for the PEACEPLUS ‘Animating Shared Spaces Project.’

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme Property Figures as at 30/08/2025

Properties offered in July	0
Families moved into properties in July	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in July	24
Property offers recorded to date	85
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	38
Beneficiaries currently assigned	128
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	16
Properties not viable to date	21

Local Authority Integration Team HER Outdoors Week

On August 13th, a group of Ukrainian ladies took part in a hike organised by Louth Sports Partnership and the LAIT team as part of Her Outdoors Week to encourage women to participate in outdoor activities. The ladies had a wonderful experience and the feedback was positive.



Participants in HER Outdoors Week

Culture Connect Summer Camp

Culture Connect organised summer camps for children who are residing in IPAS centres in Co.Louth. It gave children the opportunity to have some fun, experience different activities and make new friends. Camps were held in Drogheda and Dundalk.



Culture Connect Summer Camp

Hands4Unity Coding Summer Camp

Children from IPAS centres located in Drogheda attended a Coding Summer Camp hosted by Hands4Unity and funded by Louth LAIT team. The children learnt how to create their own game, which gave them confidence in computers. They really enjoyed the experience and appreciated the opportunity to attend the camp.



Participants at Hands4Unity Coding Summer Camp

Community Safety

Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024

The National Office for Community Safety published a comprehensive guidance document regarding Local Community Safety Partnerships on 1st August 2025. This document, in tandem with the Regulations, provides a framework for the establishment and operation of Local Community Safety Partnerships.

Membership of the Louth Community Safety Partnership will be configured to give the broadest representations across sectoral, demographic and community interests in Co. Louth, to achieve the best community safety outcomes.

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It is expected that the first full meeting of the Louth Community Safety Partnership will take place in Q4 2025.

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Kids Inclusive Camp

We ran a 2-day Kids Inclusive Camp on the 21st and 22nd August. Each day was filled with 2 hours of fun activities which took place between the studio, main hall and all-weather pitch. Activities included fun games, obstacle courses, dancing, yoga, football and basketball and participants also had great fun with balloons, parachutes, ribbons and hula hoops also.



Participants at Inclusive Camp in Dundalk Sports Centre

New Fitness Class

A new toning class was introduced on a Saturday morning to replace Zumba which took a break for the summer. The programme was very popular with lots of positive feedback.

Lourdes Stadium

Final Bowls Event of 2025

The final lawn bowls gathering of the year took place with 24 members in attendance, marking a cheerful close to the season. The afternoon was filled with friendly competition, as players enjoyed three well-contested games on the green.

The bowls were followed by a relaxed social time with everyone sharing conversation, laughter, and reflecting on the year's events. The atmosphere was light-hearted, and it was clear that the day was not only about the sport, but also about enjoying each other's company.

The event served as a fitting finale to the season, a blend of friendly rivalry, good food and plenty of fun. As the last match of the year, it reminded everyone of the value of community spirit at the Lourdes Stadium.



Outdoor Bowls at Lourdes Stadium

Boyne Athletic Club Sports Day

Boyne AC hosted their annual Sports Day on the 10th August at the Lourdes Stadium. The Boyne AC Sports Day was the penultimate event of the year in the Athletics Louth Calendar. All juvenile clubs across Louth took part in the event, with many participants proudly taking home medals on the day.



Boyne Athletic Club Sports Day

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2025

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach & volunteer education programmes in August 2025.

Safeguarding

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	August 11 th	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	August 14 th	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	August 28 th	Online

Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership a success in Drogheda

Louth Local Sports Partnership is pleased to report the successful delivery and completion of the Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership by a group of young leaders in Drogheda & Dundalk. The programme, which took place over several sessions in August, aimed to develop leadership capabilities in teenagers through practical and theoretical learning experiences.

Participants engaged in a wide range of learning activities designed to build core leadership competencies. Key skills developed over the course included:

- Understanding leadership behaviours
- Effective communication techniques
- Working as part of a team
- Planning and delivering activity sessions
- Self-reflection and personal development
- Action planning for future leadership goals

The young leaders also had the opportunity to apply their skills in real-time by delivering fun and inclusive physical activities to their peers, demonstrating both confidence and creativity.



Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership

Her Outdoors 2025 – A Huge Success

Louth Local Partnership was delighted to deliver a hugely successful programme of events to celebrate HER Outdoors 2025. A total of 496 females participated in 24 events across the week in Louth, using outdoor spaces in the county on both the land and water.

The activities during the week included Sea Kayaking, Open Water Swimming, Hiking, SUP Boarding, Inclusive Orienteering, Yoga, Pilates, Nordic Walking, River Rowing and Cycling on the Greenway.

HER Outdoors Week aims to celebrate and encourage more females to get out and enjoy the benefits of being in the outdoors while bringing visibility to the

opportunities for females to get involved in outdoor physical activity.



HER Outdoors Week 2025

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 July 18 – August 17, 2025, can be summarised as follows:

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

July 18 to August 17, 2025	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	5	127	52	184
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	23	20	43
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	1	1	2
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	5	151	73	229

Tables 2 - 4 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on August 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	100
Female	60
Total	160

Tábla 3: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 3: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	32
25-44	86
45-64	35
65+	7
Total	160

Tábla 4: Saghas Loistín / Table 4: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	70
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	90
Total unique individuals	160

Tábla 5: Teaghlach 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	19	23	34
Couples with dependent children	8	20	21
Total	27	43	55

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

Number of tenancies established	53
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	36

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta ó 20 Iúil, go dtí 19^ú Lúnasa, 2025

Housing Allocations from July 20 to August 19, 2025

District	LA	LA Refusal	AHB	AHB Refusal
Ardee	2	0	1	1
Drogheda	29	0	21	3
Dundalk	12	1	8	2
Total	43	1	30	6

Aistrithe / Transfers July 20 –August 19, 2025

District	Number
Ardee	0
Drogheda	1
Dundalk	0
Total	1

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

August 19, 2025	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	361	716	1192	2269
HAP Transfer List	296	876	1592	2764
Total Housing List	657	1592	2784	5033

There are **333** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **63** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíosa / Rent Management

Current Rents Arrears at August 21, 2025	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	207	€94,566
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	178	€143,201
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	1037	€3,788,230
TOTAL	1422	€4,025,997

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 August 2025.

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1 st Reminder	August 2025	48
2 nd Reminder	August 2025	14
Final Reminder	August 2025	2
Total issued		64

The total rental income received in 2025, to date, is **€11,100,622**. This is a 5% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2024 (€10,620,100) and a 16% increase on 2023 (€9,615,814).

The total number of rents currently paying by Household Budget is **960**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **53** new payment plans commenced in August 2025 (up to and including August 21, 2025).

Airíonna Athligéan & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

Relet / Void Properties on August 15, 2025	Total
Ardee Municipal District	5
Dundalk Municipal District	12
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	30
Subtotal (re-lets) Vacant Properties	47
CPO units not yet ready for occupation (All County)	3
Total Number of Properties (Relets & CPO)	50

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	July 24 - August 15, 2025	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	787	7642
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	685	6126
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	55	1095
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	35	409

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.

Municipal District	Number of Commenced/ Completed Units
Ardee MD: St Olivers Park Kilsaran Feran Drive, Louth Village Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown	26
Dundalk MD: Ladywell Dundalk Aisling Park Dundalk Doolargy Ave, Dundalk Barton Park, Dundalk Woodview Park Jocelyn Court St Olivers Park Carlingford Hillview	47
Drogheda BD: St Finians Marian Park Boyle O'Reilly Terrace Ascal a Haon Grove Road Rathmullan Park	44

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

For July 23 – August 20, 2025	August	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	214	1454
Advisory letters issued	323	1593
Improvement notices issued	7	39
Prohibition notices issued	0	1
Private Inspections	1	1
HAP First Inspections	27	549
RAS First Inspections	0	2
AHB First Inspections	116	505
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	34	34
Private Re-inspections	0	3
HAP Re-inspections	22	239
RAS Re-inspections	1	1
AHB Re-inspections	11	111
SSA Re-inspections	0	0
Inspections from Complaints	2	9
Properties Made Compliant	45	162

Páirtíocht Engagement

Tionóntachta

/Tenancy

July 19 – August 20, 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	27	8	10	43	167
Post-tenancy inspections	0	0	0	5	102
Tenancy Investigation Visits	21	3	10	34	270

Doolargy Residents Association

Louth County Council Estate Management Team, through the Tenancy Liaison Officer, has been working with the residents of Doolargy estate to support the establishment of a new Residents Association. The first meeting took place on Wednesday, July 17 at 6 p.m. in Muirhevnamore Community Centre, Dundalk.

A second meeting followed on Wednesday, July 24, in the Áit na nDaoine building, where residents nominated their committee and elected a Chairperson. The group are now working on developing their constitution, with support and guidance from both their Tenancy Liaison Officer and Louth Local Development Company.

A third meeting was then held on Wednesday, August 21, which focused on final planning for their first community event, a family-friendly litter pick scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 23. To support this event, the Council has provided a skip, litter-picking equipment, gloves, bags, and some treats for the children who take part. A further update will be provided following the event.

Iompraíocht Fhrithshóisialta / Anti-Social Behaviour

19th July to 20th Aug 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	5	0	5	10	153
ASB cases Ongoing	12	1	15	28	-
ASB cases complete	6	0	4	10	103

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

19th July to 20th Aug 2025	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
Verbal Warnings	1	0	1	2	33
Written Tenancy Notifications	0	0	0	0	11
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	0	0	0	1	1

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

Funding has now been approved for the affordable housing scheme at Quarry Court, John Street, Ardee. The scheme will have 11 x 3-bedroom houses available for sale. An advertising and media campaign will commence in the coming weeks with the application portal expected to open in early to mid-September.

Gnóthaithee/ Acquisitions

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

In August, the Council purchased one property in Dundalk.



Morgáiste go Cíos (MGC)

/ Mortgage to Rent (MTR)

Active MTR Applications Total	28
AHB MTR Applications Active	12
AHB MTR completed 2025	07
Private MTR Applications Active	16
Private MTR completed 2025	3
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	329
Approved	230
Rejected	29

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Withdrawn	38
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	32
Funding Issued to Applicant	90
Principal Private Residence	242
Rental Applications	87

Déisiú agus Léas/ Repair and Lease

Units	Address	Beds	Notes
1	Dundalk	3	Finished & inspected. Awaiting final sign-off

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil / Local Authority Home Loans

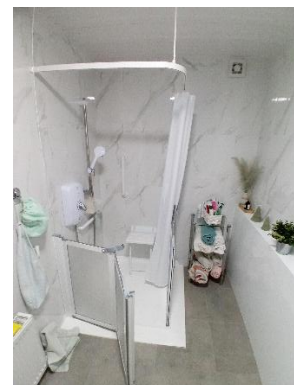
2025 Budget Allocation	€6,610,000
LAHL Approvals at 22/08/2025	€2,648,017
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at August 22, 2025	
Total Number of Applications at 23/08/2025	32
LAHL carried over from 2024	9
Invalid/Returned	14
Approved	17
Declined	3
For Review	0
Outstanding – waiting on further information	7

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 €3,350,808. The acceptance of grant applications is currently paused while the Grants Section continues to prioritise existing applications received. Currently, the only new applications that can be considered are where a 'priority 1' medical need exists.

It is important that applicants who have already received grant approval ensure that the work is completed within the stated timeframe and submit their completion certificate to the Grants Section as soon as possible.



Bedroom and Bathroom extension completed in Dundalk, with funding provided with a HAG

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 20/08/2025	71	8	236		315
Grants Approved 22/07/2025 – 20/08/2025	14	4	20	38	205

Oiriúnuithe ar Thithíocht Chomhairle do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas. / Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability.

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to make them more suitable for tenants

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with a disability. The 2025 budget allocation has now been confirmed, totally €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.

CALF	485
CAS	33
TOTAL	1,303

Application Status	Monthly	YTD
Applications received July 22, 2025 – August 20, 2025	9	49
Works Appointed	32 minor adaptations	
Of the Works onsite/ completed	22 minor adaptations	

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	96	375	471
2026	175	0	544	544
Total	1,323	1,126	919	2,045

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units	
SHIP	785

Shahadah Caipitil Tithíochta / Capital Housing Delivery

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)	2/2	59	On Site	30/11/2025	21 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 20 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	47	On Site	31/12/2025	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	31/03/2027	7 * 2 bed, 13 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt

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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
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	30/11/2025	4 * 3 bed
Knockshee, Old Golf Links Road, Blackrock, Dundalk	1/1	12	On-site	30/11/2025	12 * 2 bed Apt.
Derryveigh House, Hoeys Lane, Dundalk	1/1	2	On-site	30/09/2025	1 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Clontygora, Dundalk	1/1	2	On-site	30/11/2025	2 * 4 bed
Norhalton, Raynoldstown Village, Dundalk	1/1	2	On-site	30/10/25	2 * 4 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/1	21	On-site	31/03/2026	3 * 3 bed, 9 * 1 bed Apt, 9 * 2 bed Duplex
Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	1	On-site	31/10/2025	1 * 2 bed

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Potters Field, Cappocks Green, Ardee, Co. Louth	2/3	5	On-site	30/11/2025	5 * 3 bed
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	1/5	4	On-site	30/09/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	2/5	4	On-site	30/09/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	3/5	4	On-site	31/03/2026	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	1/2	12	Completed	20/06/2025	12 * 2 bed Apt
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 2	2/2	6	On-site	30/09/2025	4 * 1 bed Apt, 2 * 2 bed Apt
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3	2/2	2	On-site	30/09/2025	2 * 2 bed Apt
Ballymakenny Park, Drogheda Phase 3	1/1	3	Completed	25/07/2025	3 * 3 bed
Ellwood Park, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	1/1	3	Completed	20/06/2025	3 * 3 bed
Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	1/3	1	Completed	13/06/2025	1 * 3 bed
Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	2/3	3	Completed	01/07/2025	2 * 3 bed, 1 * 4 bed
Listoke Pines, Ballymakenny, Drogheda	3/3	4	Funding Approved	31/03/2027	2 * 2 bed Apt, 2 * 3 bed Duplex
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	19	On-site	31/03/2026	6 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed, 4 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Duplex

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Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth	3/3	2	On-site	30/06/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1/2	11	On-site	31/12/2025	4 * 2 bed, 7 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	2/2	14	On-site	31/03/2026	2 * 2 bed, 8 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed

Seachadadh CAS/CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	<u>Projected Substantial Completion Date</u>	Unit Type
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	02/03/2027	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	<u>Projected Substantial Completion Date</u>	Unit Type
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	1/2	20	15/5	Complete	11/07/2025	20 * Two Bed apt/ Duplex
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham, Co Louth	1/2	10	9/1	Complete	18/07/2025	2 * Two Bed House 1 * One Bed Apt/Duplex 4 * Two Bed Apt/Duplex

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						3 * Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	1/3	18		On Site	30/09/2025	18 * Three bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	2/3	8		On Site	30/09/2025	8 * Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19	12/7	On Site	31/10/2025	10 * Three Bed Houses 9 * Two Bed Houses
Connollys Field Dundalk Fold Housing	1/1	70	59/11	On- Site	30/09/2025	51 * One bed apt 19 * Two bed apt
Crushrod Avenue Drogheda Co. Louth Cluid Housing	2/2	33		On Site	30/09/2025	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	On Site	31/08/2025	23 * One Bed Apt/Duplex 32 * Two Bed Apt/Duplex 3 * Three Bed Apt/Duplex
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	31/03/2026	2 * Three bed Houses 4 * Two Bed Apts 4 * Three Bed Duplex
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing	1/1	142	128/14	On Site	31/03/2026	48 * One bed Apt 70 * Two bed Apt 24 * Three Bed Apt

Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/03/2026	18 * One Bed Apt 32 * Two Bed Apt
Clos Emer, Castletown Dundalk HAIL	1/1	5		On Site	30/09/2025	1 * Two Bed House 2 * Two Bed Apt 2 * Three Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	1/1	42		On Site	31/03/2026	18 * One Bed Apt 12 * Two Bed Apt 6 * Two Bed House 6 * Three Bed House

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

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Research Enquiries

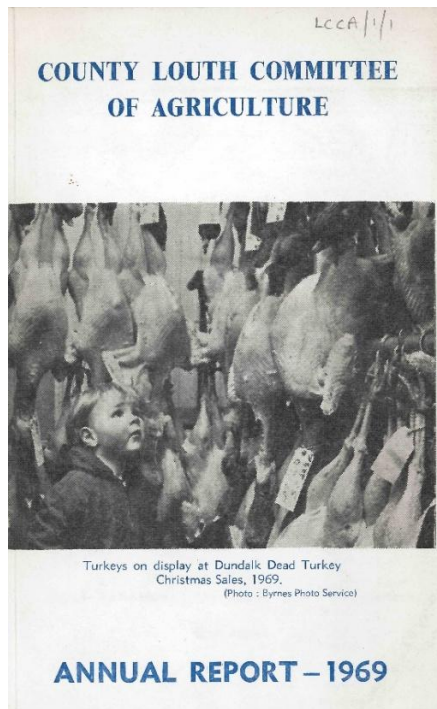
The preservation of archives is a vital need for our society and the service receives a steady volume of enquiries on archives. Research enquiries include those from private individuals, academics (historians, archaeologists, social scientists, etc), professionals (solicitors, engineers, planning consultants, etc), family historians, students and state agencies. The Archivist also supports staff in various sections with many business-related enquiries.

A collection recently used for research was the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, set up in 1901 when Louth County Council adopted the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts 1889-1899. In addition to departmental funding, the Acts gave councils the power to levy rates to finance the committees, which provided technical instruction through various schemes and encouraged rural industry.

Such schemes included horticulture, butter making, poultry keeping, soft fruit growing, food production schemes, the breeding of horses, cattle, or pigs, agricultural shows and local exhibitions. This was the start of the vocational education system. The Technical Instruction Committee was replaced in 1930 by the County Louth VEC that was set up under the Vocational Education Act, while the County Committee of Agriculture continued until a new semi-state training and advisory organisation called ACOT (An Chomhairle Oiliúna Talamhaíochta – Council for Development in Agriculture) was established for farmers in the early 1980s, which was subsequently replaced by Teagasc.

The County Committee of Agriculture archive collection held in Louth County Archives consists

mainly of minute books from 1901 – 1985 and annual reports from 1939 – 1986. The collection provides a valuable insight for researchers into agricultural education and changes in agricultural practices in Louth over the course of the twentieth century.



County Louth Committee of Agriculture annual report for 1969, recently used for research

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. The schedule for Fire Services is undergoing revision.

The County Archivist regularly assists 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. Work continues to take place in reviewing and appraising records for retention as archives or for destruction with work on Operations, Enforcement and on Planning records in progress.

Catalogue Upgrade

Additional testing work for the new upgrade has recently been completed and the final migration is due to take place in September.

Donating Archives

The Service welcomes donations of archives and records from the public that relate to all aspects of the development of County Louth. To enrich our current holdings, the Service particularly welcomes collections of primary school records, photographs, old maps of Co Louth, estate papers, records of organisations, local businesses, clubs and societies.

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

Extended Opening Hours



Dunleer Branch library

Louth Library Service is delighted to announce an extension to the opening hours of Dunleer Library. The library is now open until 8pm on Thursdays.

Since the new library opened in December 2024 the hours have increased from 17 per week to **36** hours per week.

New opening times below:

Tuesday:	10am - 1pm; 2pm - 8pm
Wednesday:	10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm
Thursday:	10am - 1pm; 2pm - 8pm
Friday:	10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm
Saturday:	10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm
Sunday/Monday:	Closed

With the increase in Dunleer's opening times Louth Library Service branches have increased staffed opening hours from 142 hours per week to a total of **191** hours per week, an increase of **34.5%**.

Drogheda and Ardee Libraries also operate the My Open Library service, providing access to the libraries from 8am to 10pm each day of the year. This offers over **5,408** My Open Library hours throughout the year, or **104** hours per week, to library patrons outside staffed hours.

Summer Stars



Over **1,090** children across County Louth participated in the Summer Stars Reading Programme, receiving a free Summer Stars bag, seeded bookmark, and activity pack to encourage reading and literacy throughout the summer.

A wide range of engaging activities were delivered across library branches, including storytimes, art and craft sessions, Pokemon workshops, and Harry Potter Day celebrations

Library staff also visited Mosney Village in August for a storytime session to celebrate Summer Stars and promoted My Little Library Bag.



Borrowers enjoy "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" storytime in Drogheda Library



Library staff play their part at Harry Potter Day in Drogheda Library



Taking a break from our Pokemon craft workshop to enjoy a good read at Dundalk Library



A spellbound audience at our Magic Carpet Storytime in Dundalk Library utilising the Magic Table overhead projector



A delighted little visitor at our Magic Carpet Storytime in Dundalk Library

International Book Club

The new BRIGID Book Club meet monthly in Drogheda Library for readers for whom English is a second language. Aimed at fiction readers the group began by reading “*The Man Who Died Twice*” by Richard Osman.

My Little Library Book Bag – Supporting Children Starting School

To support children beginning school in August 2025, Louth Libraries were busy promoting the My Little Library Bag initiative.

The initiative is a collaboration between Libraries Ireland, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, delivered as part of the First 5 Strategy.

Children were invited to visit their local library branch to collect their free bag which contained:

- A book on starting school and a second book on making friends or being comfortable to be yourself
- Their very own library card and special ‘My Little Library’ cardholder
- A range of resources for parents/children to support the transition to primary school.

Book bags were available in both Irish and English.

The Schools Library Service organised an outreach event with Happy Dayz Creche in Blackrock for a storytime session and schools’ van visit to promote My Little Library Bag.



Little Library Book Bag promoted at Happy Dayz Creche

Heritage Week

During National Heritage Week Louth libraries helped celebrate local heritage in the county.

Ardee Library hosted an exhibition of historical photographs in association with County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society. There was great local interest when it was formally launched with a talk by local historian Bryan Rogers on Saturday, August 16. The photographs, from an album of 1916-1919, show the gardens and demesne of Ardee House, now St Joseph's Hospital in Ardee. The exhibition continued until Friday August 29.



Talk by Bryan Rogers on the Ardee House photograph exhibition at Ardee Library

Dundalk Library promoted its family history service by holding a one-to-one genealogy clinic. Staff provided advice on what resources are available on-line, and how to use these when researching a family tree. There was a lot of interest and the appointments soon filled up. Staff continue to offer help to family researchers throughout the year.



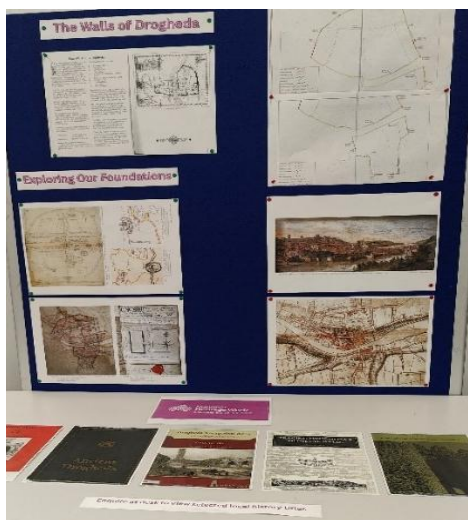
Library staff assisting a family-tree researcher, Dundalk Library

At the end of the week some library staff and friends performed traditional music in Carlingford Library. It was well attended, and visitors dropped in throughout Saturday afternoon, taking time out to enjoy the lovely atmosphere, and have a cup of tea.



Traditional music in Carlingford library

Drogheda Library produced a display on the historic walls of the medieval town, showing the resources available in the library Local Studies collection for research.



Walls of Drogheda display in Drogheda Library

Ukrainian Independence Day in Ardee Library

A celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day, by New Vision Ukrainian Group and Louth Local Development, was hosted in Ardee Library on the evening of Tuesday, August 26. Samples of Ukrainian cooking and baking were served, and the evening had musical performances from members of the group.



Ukrainian performers in Ardee Library



New Vision Ukrainian Group at Ardee Library

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Culture Night 2025 Launched

This year's Culture Night will take place on Friday September 19 across the country. Culture Night is an all-island initiative to celebrate culture in our community and engage the public in a range of free activities.

Louth launched its programme for Culture Night 2025 at a special photo event in the Drogheda offices in

Fair Street at the end of August. Events this year will include opera performances, watercolour workshops, live music, literature events and exhibitions. From Dundalk to Drogheda, Ardee to Dunleer we have something for all ages.



Musicians SJ McArdle and Roisin Ward Morrow performing in Droichead Arts Centre

Drogheda will also see a significant Late-Night programme as Droichead Arts Centre and the Night-Time Economy advisor secured additional funding from the Arts Council for a special Late-Night initiative. This includes local cafés hosting music, literature and poetry events, a special light installation, a night market at McHugh's and Night Drama showcasing local artists in Droichead Arts Centre.

For full details on the Louth programme for Culture Night 2025 see <https://culturenight.ie/events/> where you can search by town to see what is happening in your area.

Highlanes Gallery

Exhibition: Maelstrom is the new and impressive exhibition by renowned artist Maud Cotter.



Without Stilling by Maud Cotter

This major solo exhibition engages with complexity and form of change as process, with works that

reference the dual directionality of time, and the relational matter. The exhibition features large scale works and integrated into the exhibition is a stream of engagement with the historic and contemporary work from the Drogheda Municipal Collection. For details on this exhibition and any other events at Highlanes Gallery please see <https://highlanes.ie/>

Droichead Arts Centre

BVIFF – the annual Boyne Valley International Film Festival opened on Friday August 8 in Droichead Arts Centre to a packed audience.



BVIFF Directors Collette Farrell and Frank Kelly with patrons Helen Behan, actor and Louise Kiely, casting director

Now in its 4th year the festival first evening of screenings was titled 'Made in The Boyne Valley', shining a spotlight on films made in the region. Over the bank holiday weekend, the festival also featured Q & A panels with filmmakers and workshops. A gala screening on Saturday, August 9, featured 'Four Mothers', a critically acclaimed film by Drogheda filmmakers Darren and Colin Thornton.

Coming up at Droichead Arts Centre in September is the start of the Autumn/Winter Drama Club on September 5 and Film Club on September 9. For details on these and all other events please see <https://www.droichead.com/whats-on.html>.

An Táin Arts Centre

An Táin Arts Centre held their annual offsite production in Anaverna House from August 6 - 10. This year's theme was Treasure Island a swashbuckling adaptation of the classic tale with an Irish twist, featuring the legendary Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley.

The annual promenade performance is a highlight in the annual calendar and is hosted on the beautiful grounds of Anaverna House in Ravensdale.



The Treasure Island crew in full swing at Anaverna for the annual promenade production in association with Quintessence Theatre Productions

Coming up in September in An Táin is an audience with John Lydon on the 10th, Mick Harvey in conversation on 13th and the Louth International Film Festival will take place from 5th – 7th. For information on these and all other events please see <https://www.aintain.ie/whats-on/>

Creative Ireland

Blackrock Community Park – during the summer one of our community grants came to life with the fantastic artwork provided in Blackrock Community Park. 'Insects are the Engine of Life' is a beautiful mural of biodiversity looking at the wildlife in the area. The mural is on the ESB substation and thanks to the local representative from ESB for their support and advice on the matter.



Members of the Blackrock Community Park Committee with artists Orlaith Treacy and Denise Neary at the finished mural

It is planned that a QR code will be put on it in the coming weeks which will provide information about the mural and all the insects featured in it. Local response from the community has been really positive with children enjoying finding their favourite creatures on it.

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



Steve Staunton at the County Museum, Dundalk

The Museum added a significant array of jerseys and sporting-related equipment celebrating Louth's storied sporting past to its collection. During the month of August the Museum has had the honour of welcoming two of those people who donated items for exhibition Steve Staunton and Israel Olatunde. Other items on display which were donated as part of a collection included items from Drogheda's Deirdre Gogarty (boxing) and Carlingford's Rob Kearney (rugby).



Israel Olatunde at the County Museum, Dundalk

The Museum is currently hosting an exhibition of African Art pieces organised by the African Cultural Centre. The exhibition will run until August 23.



African art at the County Museum, Dundalk



African art on exhibition at the County Museum, Dundalk

Recent acquisitions on display

Over the past month the Museum has added to its permanent exhibition with the inclusion of a beautiful Apothecarist's chest, complete with unguent bottles. The chest was owned by Dr. Robert Blackley, who was a member of the Dundalk Board of Health in the 1830s.



Nineteenth-century apothecarist chest on display at the County Museum, Dundalk

Other items added to the collection include a Japanese Kutani tea set.



Japanese Kutani tea set

The Museum recently acquired this fascinating reference book detailing the changing nature of Irish currency since the foundation of the State.



Check your change - a guidebook to Irish coinage

Stiúirtheacht na Mórhionscadal Caipitil agus Seachadadh Bonneagair Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúirtheacht seo freagrach as mórhionscadail chaipitil lena n-áirítear foirgnimh nua comhairle, bóithre, réimse poiblí, glasphealaí, Taisteal Gníomhach, scéimeanna cosanta tuilte agus idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le soláthraithe fónais náisiúnta. A luaithe a bheidh mórhionscadal beagnach curtha i gcrích, glacfaidh an Stiúirtheacht 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)

West Gate Vision (Drogheda)

The approved Westgate planning documents, including the suite of drawings, the EIAR and the AA Stage 2 reports, represent a large volume of material. Full details of the planning submission and An Bord Pleanála Inspectors Report, Direction and Order are available here:

<https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/318758>



Artist impressions of Westgate project

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Phase 1

Glas Civil Engineering Ltd. are currently on site, works are being completed on a phased basis to minimise impact on residents and businesses. Phases A, B, C, D, E1, E2 and F have been largely completed.

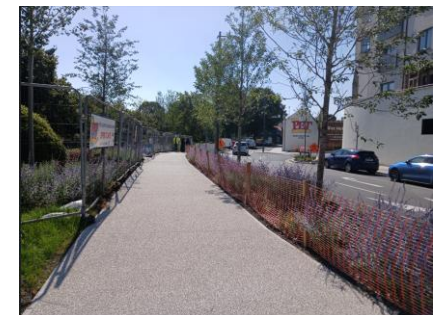
Stakeholder meetings continue bi-weekly and have been largely positive to date.

The re-surfacing night works on Linen Hall Street have now been completed.

Archaeological Monitoring is now complete. The final archaeological reports are due after Substantial Completion.



Current project overview



Exposed Aggregate Concrete and Planting to the Peace Park.



New road surfacing and traffic lights at the Tain Apartments.



New planting the Peace Park.

Substantial Completion is targeted for September.

Glas have appointed a dedicated Liaison Officer for any queries, John Caffrey jcaffrey@glascel.ie

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.

Property owner and stakeholder engagement has commenced. A Public Consultation Event was held in the Town Hall on the 31st of July.



St. Nicholas Quarter Public Consultation event in the Town Hall Foyer.



St. Nicholas Quarter Public Consultation event



Vision board with Public feedback & interactive post-it commentary

Public Consultation Event at Town Hall.

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 July 1st 2025. 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.

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.

Efforts in Drogheda have resulted in a number of new owners of properties approaching the council with a view to discussing options to revitalise their properties.

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.

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford



Artist impressions of Carlingford

The consultants for a heritage led detailed design have now been appointed. The consultants visited the site for a walkabout and met with local interest groups on the 28th July.

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 for submission in Q3.

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 August.

AA Screening Stage 1 report for proposed works in St. Dominic's Park playground is currently being prepared in addition to Part 8 documents.

Capital Delivery Team

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) has announced the successful applicants for funding under Measure 1 and the Project Development Measure of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2024/25. Louth has received €140,000 in funding for three projects:

- €40,000 under Measure 1, for the upgrading of information boards at Louth's three Blue Flag beaches.
- €50,000 under the Project Development Measure, to develop a plan to formalise the existing cliff walk at Clogherhead.
- €50,000 under the Project Development Measure, to explore potential walking trails around the village of Annagassan.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) is designed to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland and to build greater resilience into our town and village centres through regeneration projects. The 2025 TVRS is now closed for applications, with shortlisted expressions of interest currently being appraised by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG).

CLÁR 2025

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. The 2025 CLÁR Programme, which was announced in April, is closed for applications, with shortlisted expressions of interest currently being appraised by the DRCDG.

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme



Part 8 Planning Permission was granted in June 2025 for the extension and renovation of Westgate House and the former DYD building in Drogheda. The council has submitted an application for €7 million funding to the Southern Regional Assembly for funding towards this development. The funding application is through the THRIVE programme which

allows Local Authorities and citizens to reimagine and revitalise town centres through the renovation and reuse of vacant or derelict heritage buildings. This application for funding is a competitive process and results are expected in late summer 2025. This project is one of several projects aimed at the transformation and regeneration of Drogheda Town Centre.

Town Team Support Fund



Town Centre Health Checks have been completed for Castlebellingham and Collon. The Health Check documents were prepared by Craft Studio Architects in conjunction with Louth County Council and were funded by The Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The Health Checks included detailed land use surveys and included themes on movement and accessibility and provides detail considerations and opportunities for both towns. These documents are available for view at the following link:

<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/operations-environmental-delivery/regeneration-projects/town-centre-health-checks/>

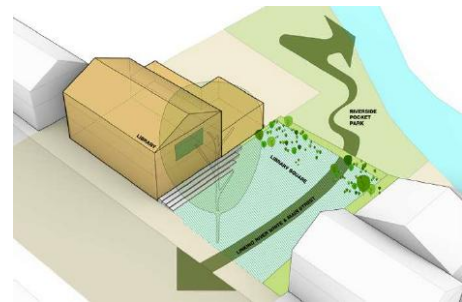
Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects

Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

A draft Town Centre First Plan for Clogherhead has been received from the consultants. The document is undergoing review and a public engagement event will take place in Clogherhead prior to the adoption of the plan. The plan will provide a pipeline of potential projects aimed at revitalising the Town centre and improve the Town for residents and visitors alike. Details of the public consultation event will be shared widely before the event.



Town Centre First Plan – Project Development Measure - Dunleer



A design brief has been prepared for the design of a public square in Dunleer. The process to appoint a consultant is underway. This project aims to create a high-quality public space in the centre of the town.

Ardee Castle

The Department of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht has granted an additional €1million towards the project following the Council's request for an increased RRDF funding allocation. This brings the total RRDF funding to €3,147,000.

The Council has committed match funding to ensure the successful delivery of this important heritage project and will now look to complete the tendering process for construction, with a view to appointing a contractor and commencing works.

Vacant Homes Officer

Engagement with property owners remains a key focus, with ongoing support provided to those

exploring options to bring vacant homes back into use.

We would ask 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 will be visiting the Dunleer and Collon areas in the coming weeks. Notices will be placed accordingly where no owners can be identified.

25 Properties have been logged via vacanthomes.ie for inspection.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

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

Southern embankment: - Greenway underpass constructed, backfilling around the abutment ongoing. New navigational beacon tower installed.

Northern embankment: - New filter lane work are ongoing including utilities.

Bascule abutment wall 1 has been poured and works have begun on tying reinforcement bars for wall lift 2. There are 4 wall lifts within the abutment.

Bridge fabrication works: - Fabrication of the fixed span bridge continue in Ghent, Belgium and painting of competed sections of bridge has commenced. At this stage the majority of the project activities will be carried out in the fabrication yards.



Aerial View of preparation for wall lift 1 concrete pour northern Bascule Chamber.



Completion of wall lift 1 concrete pour northern Bascule Chamber



Installation of navigation beacon tower



Navigation beacon tower



Commencement of painting of fabricated Fixed Span Sections.

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

TII have accepted the target Cost and has given the approval to proceed to Tender.

The National Roads Design Office have commenced updating the tender documents with a view that these will be issued to the market in September.

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

Preparation of tender documents for the completion of the works is ongoing. Survey of remaining area to be constructed has been carried out. Works will go to tender in mid-September, with construction in October.

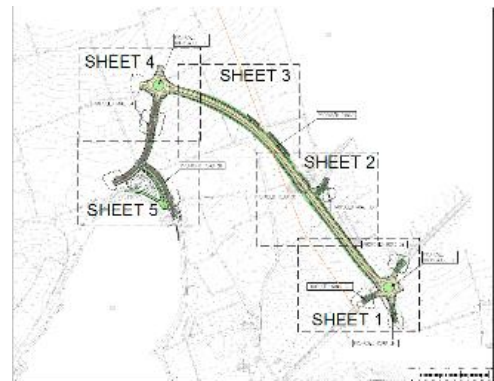
R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

RPS Consultants have now delivered Stage 1 of Phase 1 requirements, which has now been approved by the Department of Transport, and approval to commence phase 2 have been received.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is to be delivered by developers. Detailed design has now been substantially completed by the developer's agents. A notice to enter was issued to a number of landowners on the expected extent of the work, and the Council Team will be engaging with these affected landowners.

Subject to the developer's submission to and approval of final detailed design / road safety audit stage 2 by the Council and approval by the OPW of a Section 50 application, it is expected that certain enabling works will be carried in Q4 2025, with the main construction works commencing in January 2026.



PANCR Phase 2 Extent of Works

Glasbhealaí / Greenways

Carlingford Lough Greenway - Omeath to Newry (Joint project with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and East Border Region)

Works completed, ongoing snagging works. A celebration event organised by the Partners will be held on 12th September.



Border to Rough Island section of boardwalk

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

The design team are now concentrating on determining an emerged preferred route corridor, which will be subject to the next public consultation phase. It is anticipated, subject to TII approvals that the emerging preferred route option will be released in late October / Early November. 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.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

A meeting was held onsite with Chief Fire Officer and National Fire Directorate for their approval to proceed to Stage 2 (Planning and Design) with new proposal of standalone training centre now the preferred option. Further discussions ongoing with the Department concerning same.

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

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

The Consultant Engineers continue to work on Stage 1 of the Dundalk Flood Relief Project.

The Preliminary fluvial and coastal flood relief measures are continuing to be reviewed by the Steering Group to refine to the shortlisted options. The next steps include incorporating these options into the development report and preparing for a Public Participation Day (PPD) in October, (subject to OPW approval). It is envisaged, due to the scale of the project, that 2 PPD days will be required based on topographical location.

Site Investigation works on ongoing with approx. 70% complete. A Public Liaison Officer from the Consultant Engineers is working on the scheme and is in communication with landowners/private property owners. The Public Liaison Officer will carry proof of identification.

Meeting to be held with Uisce Éireann on implications of their future projects on the flood defence scheme.

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

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

Ardee Minor Works

An application for funding for minor works is has been approved by the OPW. These minor works will provide an element of protection for properties along existing water courses within the town and are proposed to be carried out along with the annual road works programme works.

Works on the detailed design and landowner engagement are ongoing.

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Project

The Consultant Engineers continue to work on Stage 1 of the Flood Relief Project.

RPS are continuing to undertake hydraulic model simulations of potential options to ensure that the proposed scheme provides the required standard of protection to properties. Work continues on development of the Scheme Analysis and Development report.

It's envisaged that a PPD will be held towards the end of November. subject to the Steering Group approval.

Underwater archaeology and geophysical survey works are currently on site.

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 and OPW are continuing to scope the brief tailored to the study area and recent flood event mechanisms to issue to the market for appointment of a project consultant engineer.

In the interim the Local Authority are compiling a final list of minor works which could improve the conveyance characteristics of Carlingford drainage system and are currently preparing a funding business case.

Operations section carrying out works on the existing networks to improve flows as identified by surveys carried out.

Emergency works on a collapsed culvert and poor rock revetment at the harbour area shall commence in September (working with a limited time period due to tidal times).

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.

Further appointments of Ecological Clerk of Works, Archaeologist and Structural Engineer to report and monitor onsite works are underway.

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 - 40%
- Level up for tarmac – 40%
- Timber cladding – 100%
- Foul Rising main – 100%
- Grid ceiling – 99%
- Plumbing Pipework – 100%
- Boiler house – 100%
- Tank room – 95%
- 2nd fix plumbing – 90%
- 2nd fix electrical – 100%
- Ventilation – 100%
- Cladding - 90%
- Vinyl flooring – 100%
- Skirting – 100%
- Tiling – 80%
- Painting Ongoing

Proposed Works Forecast

- Ground works to continue
- Continue plumbing second fix
- Continue painting
- Ceiling tiles to SNU and hallways
- Kerbing
- Street lighting
- Capping to wall
- Fitted furniture
- Tiling
- Fencing



Exterior works

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 is as outlined in the table below.

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Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2025	Project Band	Current Phase	September 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. In advance of Part 8 public display a briefing will be given to Drogheda MD Councillors.	Proposed Part 8 display Quarter 4, 2025
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 advance of a non-statutory public consultation.	Proposed Commence Part 8 process and display Sept. 2025
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 with this design was completed in August 2025. Thereafter, the Active Travel Team will proceed to Part 8 public display	Proposed Commence Part 8 process and display Sept. 2025
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's (Pathfinder Project)	€120,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 – Detailed Design and Procurement	Part 8 approval received on 10 th 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 contractor are being prepared.	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. Please note Dart Coastal North, an Irish Rail Project was approved by An Coimisiún Pleanála this month (August 2025). A 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-	Dublin Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display depending on dialogue with NTA / Irish Rail. North Rd, Drogheda - Proposed Part 8 display Dec. 2025

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				planning i.e. Part 8 documentation and discussing land requirements with 3 number landowners, plus some residents on the North Rd.	
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 is formed and detailed tender documents will be issued to this panel in Sept. 2025.	Completed – Part 8 Approval on the 10 th September 2024 Procurement of Contractors on-going
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 10 th 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. It's planned to have a non-statutory consultation event in Sept 2025.	Proposed Part 8 Q4 2025
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 20 th 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.	Proposed Commence Part 8 process and display Sept. 2025
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. Its envisaged that a non-statutory public consultation will be held in Oct. 2025.	Part 8 Q1 2026

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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 20 th November 2024. Resulting from this workshop the drawings will be updated and a non-statutory public consultation will be held in Oct. 2025.	Part 8 Q1 2026
College Heights to Tom Bellew Avenue, Dundalk	€150,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 3 - Preliminary Design	GW2 report approved by the NTA in Dec 2024.	Part 8 Q1 2026
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€135,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	Second public consultation day along with stakeholder engagement meeting held on the 28 th November 2024. Louth Consult portal for submissions closed on 12 th December 2024. Design Team have reviewed all submissions and are currently updating preliminary design drawings to reflect these submissions.	Proposed Part 8 Q4 2025
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 1) 1. St Louis Secondary School Dundalk 2. Rehab Care Mill Street Dundalk 3. Saint Brigid's and Saint Patrick's School, Drogheda 4. Scoil Aonghusa, Drogheda	€40,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6 – Construction	Works completed at Schools 1 & 4 in Dundalk & Drogheda. Concrete surface replacement outside Saint Brigid's and Saint Patrick's School, Bothar Brugha Drogheda, commenced in April 2025 & finished in May 2025, with line marking applied in July. Bothar Brugha road was surfaced during the summer and line markings applied thereafter. Works relating to Rehab Care on Mill Street, will be incorporated as part of Mill Street, Active Travel Project.	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2)	€950,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4 – Statutory Processes	For schools 1 – 3, Section 38 Process of the Roads Act concluded. The proposals were advertised and placed on public display on 22nd April 2025 with a deadline for submissions of 6th May 2025	No part 8's but Section 38's

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1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk				Construction will be undertaken during Q3 & Q4 2025. School 4 will be delivered via the Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station project.	
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 to be prepared 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
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.	N/A