LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



Dated: 6th November 2026

Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 31ú Deireadh Fómhair 2026
Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 31st October 2026

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 October 2026, detailing activities, updates, and progress across various departments of Louth County Council.

1. **Finance & System Support**

- Financial position: Expenditure was €154.5m, or 76% of the annual budget, income invoiced was €147.5m, or 72%. Rates income reached 100% of budget, but environmental services income (45%), road transportation income (50%) and miscellaneous income (48%) were comparatively low.
- Digital services: IT logged 750 support calls, with 88% completed. Email security intercepted potentially harmful messages in 15.5% of 364,757 inbound emails, up from 10.6% in September.

2. **Economic Delivery**

- Economic Development and Tourism: The Economic Forum examined digital-economy opportunities, while tourism activity centred on the Lú Festival of Light, Boyne Valley Dining Week and food-tourism promotion.
- Night-time Economy: The Drogheda Code was launched following 1,238 consultation responses, setting five community-created principles for safer nights out. The Lú festival of Light was extended with late-night music, workshops and cultural events, creating a great atmosphere in Drogheda.
- Enterprise Support: LEO Louth delivered local-shopping promotion, international trade engagement, creative-business support and business training. October included 17 advice-clinic appointments, 21 mentoring assignments, 5 training courses, 2 Digital for Business approvals and 1 Energy Efficiency Grant approval.
- Planning: 96 planning applications were received, 76 valid applications were recorded and 72 decisions were made, with a 9.72% refusal rate. Planning enforcement investigated 20 complaints, resolved 16 cases through negotiation and issued 14 warning letters.

3. **Operations & Environment Delivery**

- Roads and Public Realm: Extensive resurfacing, pothole repairs, drainage works, gully cleaning works were completed countywide. Key works included resurfacing in Drogheda, Dundalk, Clogherhead and North Louth, accessibility upgrades, coastal erosion protection at Salterstown, and bus-shelter installation in Drogheda.
- Storm and Flood Resilience: Teams cleared fallen trees and debris, distributed sandbags during high tides and storms. A 536-gully cleaning programme began on Drogheda's main approach roads.
- Climate and Biodiversity: The Council maintained ISO 50001 energy-management certification with no non-conformances and progressed low-carbon energy upgrades at the Co. Museum, Libraries and Drogheda Fire Station.
- Environmental Enforcement and Animal Welfare: There were 106 litter investigations, 14 fixed penalties and 352 waste-law investigations. The Council removed 17 diesel-laundering waste containers.
  The dog pound processed 22 dogs, with nine rehomed directly or through welfare groups.
  Emergency Services: Fire personnel completed 104 training days. I commend the fire service for its work on Halloween night, when crews were responding throughout the evening.

4. **HR, Corporate & Community Delivery**

- Customer and Corporate Services: Customer Services handled 15,886 queries, resolving 67% at first contact. Of 6,076 valid CRM cases, 640 remained unresolved at month-end. Work continued to improve the electoral register, with PPSN-verified electors increasing from 25.51% to 30.11%.
- Community Investment and Inclusion: The Local Enhancement Programme allocated €180,744.30 to 61 groups. LEADER approved €192,475.69 for seven projects. Community Expo, Positive Ageing initiatives, PEACEPLUS projects and integration activities supported participation and social inclusion.
- Health and Sport: Healthy Louth launched the CommUnity Connect Louth & Meath website and delivered a fully booked community-support training day.
- Community Safety: Consultation on the Louth Community Safety Plan progressed through nine community events, more than 40 stakeholder interviews and planned focus groups.

5. **Housing & Culture Delivery**

- Homelessness and Housing: Homeless services supported 315 people during the reporting period, with 41 placed in temporary emergency accommodation. At 12 October, 144 adults were in emergency accommodation, including 24 families with dependent children. The total housing list, including HAP transfer applicants, stood at 4,527.
- Allocations, Arrears and Maintenance: There were 107 housing allocations, including 21 through approved housing bodies, and 14 transfers. Rent arrears over 12 weeks totalled €3.38m. The Council received 1,085 maintenance requests and completed 975; 29 relet/void properties remained.
- Housing Delivery: The 58-home An Mullach scheme in Louth Village was completed, including supported living accommodation. The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is projected to deliver 303 through efficient procurement and property selection.
- Private Housing and Grants: The Council inspected 104 private rented properties in October and made nine complaints. The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant had received 475 applications, approved 352 and issued funding to 189 applicants. Three homes were acquired during October for social-housing needs.
- Culture: Archives conserved historic poor-law records; Dundalk Library improved its children's area; Drogheda Library's sensory Cubbie showed 84% successful sessions.

6. **Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery**

- Regeneration and Placemaking: St. Nicholas Quarter Phase II advanced to public consultation with an additional €5m in funding; it includes a community building, public realm works, Peace Park refurbishment and six age-friendly homes.
- Vacancy and Town-Centre Renewal: Of 133 URDF Call 3 properties, 34 are occupied, 28 are under refurbishment, 26 are progressing toward activation and four are in or through the CPO process. The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant has helped restore 189 homes countywide.
- Strategic Roads and Bridges: Narrow Water Bridge construction and fabrication continued, with opening expected in Q1 2028. The N53 Hackballscross-to-Rassan project remains on track for Q3 2027 completion. Judicial-review proceedings for the N52 Ardee Bypass were withdrawn, enabling a request to restart the project. PANCR Phase 2 was about 60% complete.
- Flood and Coastal Protection: Dundalk, Drogheda-Baltray and Carlingford-Greenore flood-relief schemes continued through design, modelling and environmental assessment. Ardee minor flood-protection works are due to start.
- Active Travel: Several schemes progressed through planning, design or procurement, including Rathmullan Road, the Dundalk Inner Relief Road/Xerox Junction and Safe Routes to School projects. However, reduced annual funding means many larger schemes will pause after their current planning or consultation stage.

The above again highlights the breadth of activity and progress across all directorates, reflecting Louth County Council's ongoing commitment to service delivery, community engagement, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability.

I would like again expressing my sincere appreciation for the exceptional commitment by the entire Louth County Council team.

Regards



David Conway
Chief Executive
Louth County Council

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An Stuúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais
Finance and System Support Directorate

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

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

Bernadette Woods
Stiúrthóir / Director





Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports

Caiteachas go dtí 31ú Deireadh Fómhair 2026 / Expenditure to 31st of October 2026

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/10/2026 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/10/2026	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Expenditure 2026	% Caite go 30/10/2026 / % Spent to 30/10/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€73,984,249	**€91,043,877**	81%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€22,141,121	**€29,724,225**	74%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€4,534,354	**€6,253,179**	73%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€16,387,665	**€25,275,969**	65%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€19,753,899	**€26,717,755**	74%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€9,264,207	**€13,508,055**	69%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€849,408	**€1,342,504**	63%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€7,582,309	**€9,786,701**	77%
	€154,497,212	**€203,652,265**	**76%**

Ioncam go 31ú Deireadh Fómhair 2026 / Income to 31st of October 2026

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/10/2026 / Actual Income to 30/10/2026	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Income 2026	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/10/2026 / % Invoiced to 30/10/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€66,808,343	**€91,667,227**	73%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€8,686,220	**€17,228,704**	50%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€3,795,950	**€4,865,078**	78%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€8,493,743	**€13,604,272**	62%
SeirbhísíTimpeallachta / Environmental Services	€2,163,114	**€4,843,340**	45%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€1,172,373	**€1,971,310**	59%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€309,000	**€474,809**	65%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€8,307,070	**€17,390,895**	48%
Rátaí / Rates	€39,766,060	**€39,640,432**	100%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€7,977,465	**€11,966,198**	67%
	€147,479,339	**€203,652,265**	**72%**

The above is the current position as of the 30th of October 2026. 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 2026 is included in the above figure.

Collection rates as of 30th of October 2026 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 31ú Deireadh Fómhair/ Debtors as of 31st of October 2026

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	**€11,388,113**	€230,290,358	(€211,022,105)	(€59,555)	**€30,596,811**
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	**€229,656**	€1,940,338	(€1,620,555)	(€Nil)	**€549,439**
Rataí / Rates	**€5,273,449**	€39,766,060	(€35,092,101)	(€888,886)	**€9,058,522**
Cíosanna / Rent	**€3,368,616**	€15,824,688	(€15,779,165)	(€106,525)	**€3,307,614**
Iasachtal / Loans	**€273,054**	€1,897,836	(€1,931,338)	(€Nil)	**€239,552**
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	**€6,998,721**	€8,991,749	(€1,532,784)*	(€2,967,087)	**€11,490,598**
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	**€934,463**	€713,070	(€559,912)	(€11,653)	**€1,075,968**
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	**€2,970,672**	€6,279,995	(€4,823,473)	(€63,837)	**€4,363,357**
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	**€31,436,744**	**€305,704,094**	**(€272,361,433)**	**(€4,097,543)**	**€60,681,861**

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of October 2026. 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.

*The development levy receipts figure is net of repayment of Government Waiver to the Department.

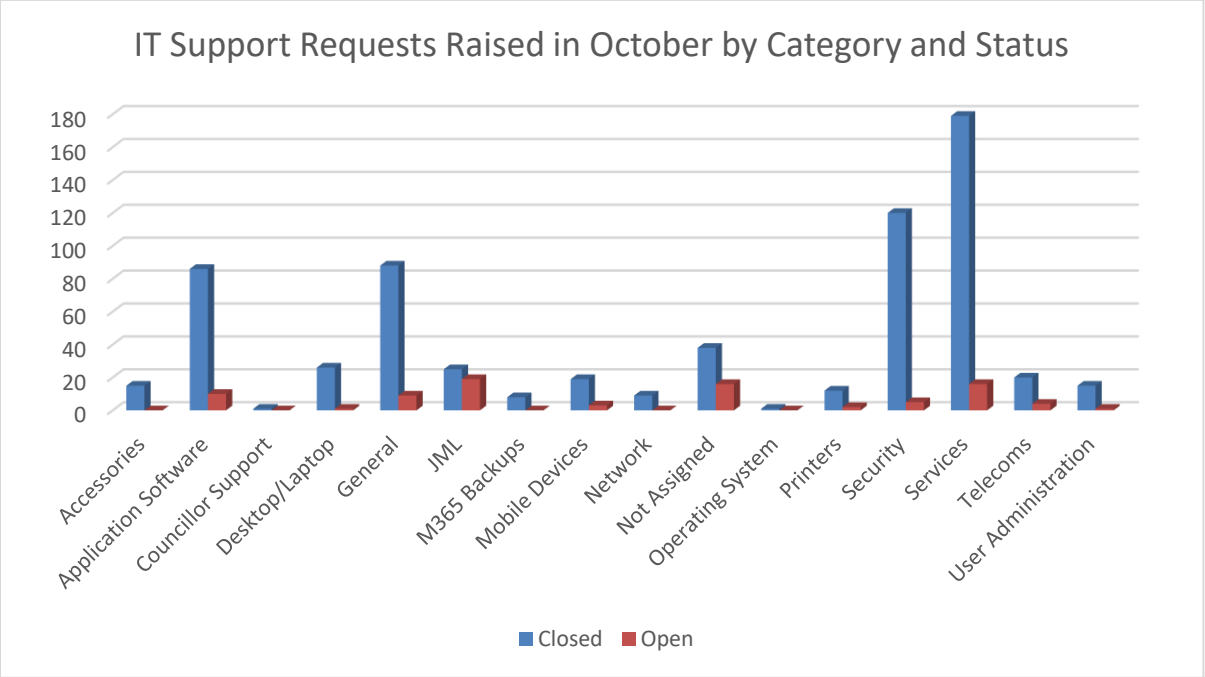
Budget 2027 Meeting

The date for the 2027 Draft Budget Meeting has been agreed for Monday the 16th of November 2026 directly following the normal monthly council meeting.

Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

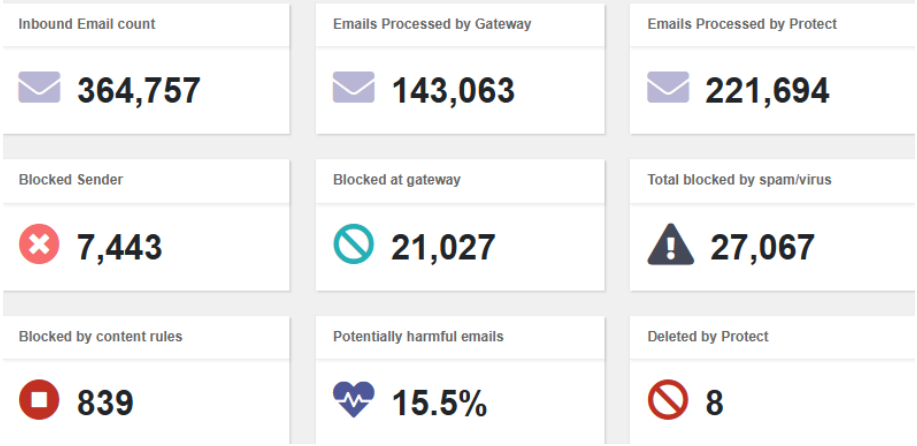
Between 01/10/2026 and 30/10/2026, 750 support calls were logged in the IT support system. 88% of these calls have been completed.



Services and Security accounted for the highest numbers of support requests during October.

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council continues to be targeted with phishing and spam email. We utilise an email filtering system to scan all email received into the organisation. During October 2026, 364,757 inbound emails were processed, with 15.5% identified as potentially harmful, an increase from 10.6% in September.

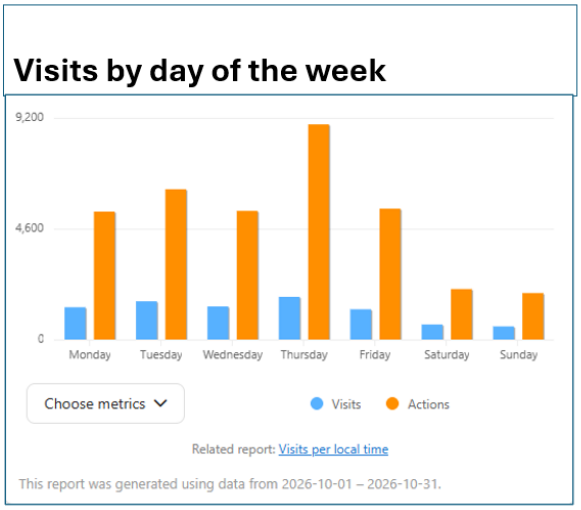


Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

There was continued strong engagement with the Council website during October 2026. The main homepage recorded 2,511 unique page views and 3,247 page views, with visitors spending an average of 41 seconds on the page. This compares with 2,701 unique page views and 3,484 page views in September.

Planning and mapping services continued to attract the highest level of interest. The principal Online Planning and Maps pages recorded a combined 1,652 unique page views during October. Dog Pound, Library and Housing information also featured prominently among the most accessed service areas. The figures continue to demonstrate strong public demand for convenient online access to core Council information and services.





Website activity during October 2026 was concentrated on weekdays, with Thursday recording the highest level of both visits and actions. Usage was lower at weekends, although the website continued to be accessed on both Saturday and Sunday. The pattern demonstrates the importance of the Council website as an information and service channel throughout the week.

Cyber Security Training

October's cybersecurity awareness training focused on AI-generated deepfakes and voice-cloning attacks, where cybercriminals can impersonate trusted individuals to support fraud or obtain sensitive information. Staff were reminded to be cautious of unexpected or urgent requests, even where the voice or appearance of the person seems genuine, and to independently verify sensitive or financial requests through a trusted alternative channel and follow established procedures.

GIS Services

The GIS Team continues to develop targeted mapping applications to support service delivery across the Council. Recent examples include a One-Off Housing application and a Broadband mapping application, providing staff with clear, location-based information through interactive maps and colour-coded legends that allow different categories and types of information to be easily identified and interpreted.

An Stiúrthóireaht 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 Stiúrthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
Details at www.localenterprise.ie/green and www.localenterprise.ie/louth.

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum
The Louth Economic Forum met on Tuesday, 13th October, the meeting was hosted by NEST Ardee who provided the group with a highly informative presentation outlining their journey over the last 25 years and the story behind their recent rebrand. Mr. Maurice Mortell, Chairperson, Digital Infrastructure Ireland, delivered an informative presentation on Ireland's digital economy and the opportunities and challenges that will shape Ireland's ability to remain a digital leader. The meeting concluded with a short tour of the production facility operated by 'King of Kefir' one of NEST Ardee tenants, which was very well received by the group.

For further information on the Louth Economic Forum please follow this link.

Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)
The next meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support SPC will take place in County Hall on Tuesday, 17th November.

Turasóireacht / Tourism

Visit Louth
Information on upcoming events are available on: https://www.visitlouth.ie/whats-on/.

Submissions for events or attractions can be made via this link.

Lú Festival of Light
The Lú Festival of Light, delivered by Love Drogheda BIDS, was held over the October bank holiday weekend. Throughout the festival, Drogheda was transformed into a spectacular world of myth, magic, and wonder, where heroic tales and ancient legends illuminated the town's historic streets and landmarks.



Lú Festival of Light Launch Event



Lú Festival of Light at St. Laurence's Gate

As part of the Festival, the formerly vacant Dominican Church was transformed and hosted the Cottage Market Traders, bringing a vibrant mix of local crafts, produce, and community spirit to this historic venue.



Cottage Market at the Dominican Church

This year the festival was promoted by *Best Of Ireland* with content provided by Visit Louth. They have over 769k of followers on Instagram and attended several of the events being held over the weekend, including visiting a pumpkin patch, All that Glitters Cabaret, The Cottage Market, and took in the Boyne Camino before catching the light shows on Sunday evening. Their highlight reel reached over 40k viewers on the weekend.



Spooks Parade, Lú Festival of Light

Visit Louth iRadio Campaign

An advertising campaign took place on Sunshine FM from the 18th to 22nd October (inclusive) to promote Lú Festival of Light and promote Visit Louth. As part of the campaign there were daily prizes given away for the new Escape Rooms experience in Drogheda, and the final end of week prize was an overnight stay at the Marcy Hotel.

Spirit of Ireland Magazine

Designed and written in Ireland, The Spirit of Ireland Magazine, is distributed across the United States of America and Canada, the most recent magazine had an editorial featuring Lú Festival of Light and Golf Links Courses in Co. Louth: https://heyzine.com/flip-book/2169874b23.html

Boyne Valley Flavours (BVF)

Boyne Valley Dining Week

The inaugural Boyne Valley Dining Week took place from 9th to 18th October, with 42 hospitality businesses participating across Louth and Meath. The initiative encouraged restaurants, cafés, hotels and other food service businesses to showcase locally sourced ingredients through specially created dishes, menus and dining experiences.

The event was supported by an extensive regional and national PR and digital marketing campaign, raising awareness of the Boyne Valley as a leading food tourism destination while strengthening connections between local food producers and hospitality businesses.



Boyne Valley Dining Week Poster

Blas na hÉireann Awards 2026

Boyne Valley Flavours attended the Blas na hÉireann Irish Food Awards in Dingle, where Louth based food and drink businesses enjoyed exceptional success, securing 47 awards across a range of categories.

Boyne Valley Flavours also hosted a dedicated exhibition stand throughout the awards weekend, providing ten member businesses from across the region with an opportunity to showcase their products, connect with buyers and industry representatives, and raise their national profile.



Blas na hÉireann Awards

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

The Drogheda Code
New community safety campaign: five principles for a safe and sound night out, chosen by the people of Drogheda.

- **Be Sound. Be Together. Be Better. Go Easy. Walk Away.**
- Chosen through the **Drogheda by Dark consultation**, which received **1,238 responses**, and inspired by the successful Bristol Rules.
- Practical resources and links supporting each principle are available at www.thedroghedacode.ie
- Launched at Drogheda Institute of Further Education's first Freshers' event, with the Night-Time Economy Adviser coordinating partner support.



The Drogheda Code Launch Event

Lú Festival of Light – Extended Programme
Additional events organised to extend the Lú Festival of Light 2026 offering, bringing more music, culture, and late-night activity.

- **Daddy G of Massive Attack** – an exclusive DJ set at Sarsfields, delivered by External Sounds.
- **Night Moves** – late café culture and intimate live music at The Coffee Box.
- **Legends in Clay** – evening ceramic workshops at Bare Food Café with Gato Thor Ceramica.
- **All That Glitters: Thriller** – a sold-out Halloween cabaret at McHugh's.
- **Local Frequencies** – The Kiosk Art Project Space partnered with Drogheda Groove Movement on a dry pop-up rave and exhibition of local nightlife photography, activating West Street until late.



Daddy G Event

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

PEAK Workshop – Launch of 'Look for Local' Campaign
LEO Louth hosted a successful PEAK Workshop in the Monasterboice Inn with representatives from the retail, hospitality, tourism, hair & beauty businesses from across County Louth. The workshop was delivered by Miriam Simon providing the business owners with practical, energetic, and insightful workshop, helping businesses build commercial trading plans for the key trading period.

Louth's 'Look for Local' Campaign was officially launched, encouraging consumers to support local businesses throughout the festive season.



'Look for Local' Campaign Launch



Attendees at the PEAK Workshop

Belgian Embassy Visit

On Wednesday 30th September Dundalk Chamber and LEO Louth hosted Mr Jacques Vanhoucke, Trade and Investment Commissioner of the Belgian Embassy to Ireland, to discuss opportunities for Louth based businesses to make links and trade into the Belgian market. These visits are a valuable opportunity for companies considering international expansion, exploring new markets, developing business connections, or gaining insights into opportunities and LEO Louth provides support to them.



Belgian Embassy Visit

Creative Spark Networking Event 1st Oct

The Business Advisor from LEO Louth, was the key speaker at the Creative Spark October Entrepreneurs Networking Event.



Attendees at the Creative Spark Entrepreneurs Networking Event

Craftwork 4.0 All Sustainability Academy Greece

LEO Louth provided support to our client Caóilfíonn Murphy O'Hanlon of Cushla of Gullion on a mission to Thessaloniki in Greece to participate in the Sustainability Academy funded through Craftwork 4.0 All. This mission was in partnership with Local Enterprise Office Carlow.

Bord Bia Interagency Engagement

LEO Louth's Business Advisor and the Boyne Valley Food Business Development Officer, attended at Interagency Engagement Day in Bord Bia Headquarters. There were a number of representatives from LEO's around the country who participated to learn about Bord Bia supports and how they can work closely together to support Food & Drink Producers.

Craftwork 4.0 All Creative Café

LEO Louth welcomed designer-makers and creative practitioners from County Carlow to Creative Spark, for a successful Craftwork 4.0 All Creative Café, bringing together makers from Carlow and Louth for a day of professional development, networking, and creative exchange. Hosted by Creative Spark as part of the European Craftwork 4.0 ALL project, the event provided a valuable opportunity for craftspeople, artists and designers to gain new insights, share experiences, and explore opportunities for collaboration across the region.



Attendees at the Craftwork 4.0 All Creative Café in Creative Spark

Create & Grow Louth

A management Development programme supporting creative professionals through learning and networking for creative entrepreneurs, artists, makers, and craft people based in County Louth. This programme was delivered through five workshops, alongside networking opportunities and one-to-one mentoring, the programme aimed to strengthen participants' business skills, increase commercial awareness, and support the sustainable growth of creative enterprises. The programme finished with a Studio Visit and Artist Talk with Garrett Mallon of Garrett Mallon Design House Carlingford– offering participants first-hand insights into establishing and growing a successful creative business, followed by networking opportunities.



Attendees at the Create & Grow Workshop

Social Inclusion Business Forum

LEO Louth's Business Advisor spoke at the Social Inclusion Business Forum which was held in the Mill Enterprise Hub Drogheda on Saturday 10th October.



Attendees at the Social Inclusion Business Forum

National Women's Enterprise Day

LEO Louth hosted National Women's Enterprise Day on Thursday 15th October in the Monasterboice Inn. This year was the 20th Anniversary and the event was successful with a full room to celebrate the strength, resilience, and innovation of women in business.



National Women's Enterprise Day

Innovate Accelerate Cross Border Programme

LEO Louth and Louth Economic Development team, along with LEO Meath and Newry, Mourne & Down Enterprise Agency brought 21 food and drink clients to attend the SIAL Paris: International Food Exhibition on Tuesday 20th October. The businesses also attended an official reception at the Embassy of Ireland where they were addressed by Minister Noel Grealish, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, and the Marine with responsibility for Food Promotion.



Official Reception at the Embassy of Ireland, Paris



Food & Drink businesses from Louth, Meath, and Newry Mourne & Down on SIAL Trip to Paris

Louth Business Awards 2026

LEO Louth attended the Louth Business Awards and sponsored the Best Start-Up Category. The winner of the category was First Class Facilities, with Conor McFadden and Aoife Donnelly being presented with their prize by Head of Enterprise.



Head of Enterprise, LEO Louth presents First Class Facilities with their award

Funding Approved:

- 2 Digital for Business Approvals
- 1 Energy Efficiency Grants Approval

LEO Workshops and Training Held:

- **Business Advice Clinics** – 17 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in October
- **LEO Mentoring** – 21 mentoring assignments were appointed to businesses in October to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.
- **Training** – 5 training courses were held in October, providing a range of expertise and learning to attendees

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of September 2026 are given below in tabular form. There were 96 planning applications received during the month of September of which 76 were valid. In addition, there were 29 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 21 Pre-Planning Requests received. The service indicator figures in relation to **planning decisions and decisions on appeals made** during the month, broken down by category, and with a total figure for all categories (Column G), are given below:

(A) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developments	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other applications-not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications-requiring EIA	(F) An Tríú Treoir maidir le Fuinneamh In-athnuaite / Renewable Energy Directive (RED) III	(G) 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	5	16	51	0	0	72
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	4	11	20	0	0	35
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	20% (1)	12.50% (2)	7.84% (4)	0% (0)	0% (0)	9.72% (7)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	0	1	3	0	0	4

(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraithe / 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	
	Meán Fómhair 2026 / September 2026	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Meán Fómhair 2025 / September 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	20	177	29	212
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	16	160	18	197
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	14	174	18	196
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	0	18	0	6
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	4	1	7
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Pleanáil Chun Cinn / Forward Planning



Proposed Material Alterations to the Variation No.4 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 (as varied)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 58 of the Planning & Development Act 2024 (as Amended) that Louth County Council proposes to make a Variation (Variation No. 4) to the Louth County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 (as varied).

The Elected Members, having considered Proposed Variation No.4 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 (as varied) and the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received and following a series of Special Meetings, resolved, at a Special Council meeting on the 24th September 2026 to make the Proposed Variation with modifications. Accordingly, the Council resolved to place the proposed alterations on public display in accordance with Section 58(13) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended).

Full details of the proposed Material Alteration will be on public display and available to view at https://consult.louthcoco.ie from Thursday 8th October 2026 to 4.00pm on Friday 6th November 2026, during which time submissions may be made. Hard copies of the documents will also be available at Customer Services desks in Council buildings and libraries.

For any queries with regard to the Variation contact the Forward Planning team or email variation@louthcoco.ie.

Stiúrthóireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil
Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht 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
Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director





Operations & Environment Delivery Monthly Report for October 2026
Oibríochtaí / Operations

DUNDALK & NORTH LOUTH

- **Road Resurfacing**
  - L20011 - Long Walk resurfaced
  - R132 – Newry Road section resurfaced

- **Pothole works**

  Cooley
  - Old Bellurgan Road
  - Long Women's Grave
  - Rath Abbey
  - Greenore Port

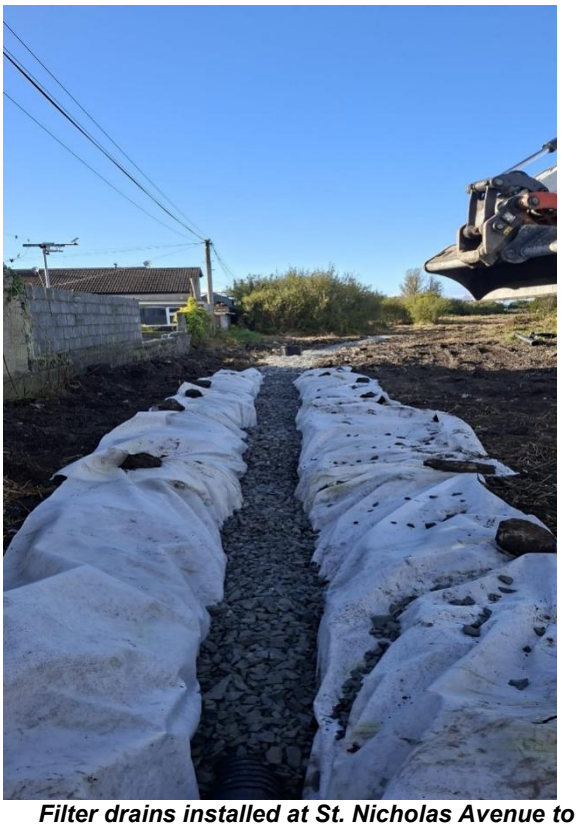
  Dundalk:
  - Long Walk Island
  - Brookwood Lawns
  - Armagh Road
  - St Nicholas Avenue
  - Boyle O'Reilly
  - Avenue Road
  - Bellewsbridge
  - Ramparts

- **Cleaning of Gullies/ Open drains**

  Dundalk
  - Aco drains St Helena's
  - Aco drains Castletown Road
  - Fairgreen Road
  - R177
  - Armagh Road
  - Newry Road
  - Castletown road
  - Quay Street
  - Roden Place
  - Avondale

Cooley
- R132 Carrickdale hotel
- R173 Omeath village
- R173 Carlingford village
- Trinity Close
- Abbey Court
- R174 Ravensdale
- R173 Lordship
- Muchgrange
- R173 Bellurgan straight

- **Drainage Works**
  - St Nicholas Avenue
  - Greenore new gullies - ponding issue
  - Collapsed culvert R173 - Bellurgan straight
  - Cleaning back drains Benagh / Long Women's Grave



Filter drains installed at St. Nicholas Avenue to alleviate flooding issues highlighted during Storm Chandra.

- ***Road Sweeping***

  Dundalk
  - All town routes around Dundalk Town
  - Additional Multihog sweeping works -
  - Avenue Road to R172 / Fairgreen Road / Jocelyn Street/ The Demesne

  Cooley
  - R173 Omeath
  - R174 Ravendsale

- ***Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk***
  - Longwalk footpath accessibility improvements

- Clanbrassil Street pavers relaid to repair trip hazards
- Castletown Road kerb issues
- Concrete planning trip hazards along concrete footpaths – Yorke Street /
  St Marys Road / Jocelyn Street/ st Helena's Park

- **Signs & Bollards Maintenance + Line marking**

  Cleaning signs and repairing damaged signs:

  - Tom Bellew Avenue
  - Newry Road
  - Chapel Street
  - Market Street
  - Inner Relief Road
  - Red Barns Road
  - Point Road
  - River Lane
  - Thomas Street
  - Ramparts
  - New stop signs Maguire's Cross
  - Reflective bollards replaced in Carlingford
  - Omeath station road damaged signs replaced

  Line marking:

  - Bachelor's Walk - yellow lines
  - Omeath - Red SLOW markings
  - Rathcor - Markings in advance of school
  - Thomas Street - yellow lines
  - Park Avenue - yellow lines
  - Loading bays and disabled bays Seatown / the Laurels

    Castletown Road / Fairgreen road/
  - Quay Street refresh



***Cleaning signage at Carrickarnon*.**

Traffic Lights Repairs + Upgrades

- Oscars Pub junction - lights damaged in RTA
- Inner Relief road /St Alphonsas Road junction
- Pedestrian crossing button - Mo Chara

- **Other Works**
  - Clearing road in Ballagan after storm damage and debris washed onto road
  - Removing trees debris from R175 / Rathor / Edentubber/ R173 Omeath
  - Commanage grazing signs erected Long Women's Grave Cooley
  - Cleaning culvert grills Bellewsbridge, Mill Road / Ballaverty / Ballinteskin at Ranch house
  - Bush depot preparation works for new building works commencing
  - Rebuilding damaged wall at Boyds car park
  - St Patricks Graveyards Path works
  - Improving sightlines at McGraths Crossroads Cooley
  - Clothes banks removed from Boyds car park
  - Pedestrian barriers repaired inner relief road / avenue road / quay street
  - Debris removed from RTA at St Alphonsus Road

- **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/ Dog Waste**
    - All routes in Dundalk Town (5km per day)
    - Navvy Bank
    - illegal dumping removed at several locations in Dundalk and Cooley

North Louth

- **Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains**
    - short-stone east LS7114-28

Opening outlets

- L3168 old Ardee Road
- Little Mills L7129
- R177

- **Resurfacing,**
    - Armagh Road R177,
    - Roche L31365,
    - Kilcurry LS7108
- **Drainage Works**
    - Opening outlets,
    - Maghereagh cross to Inniskeen border LP3122-31.
    - Rd 199 Churchtown Cross – Tullykeel,
    - Collapsed gully at Rd 192 Watery Cross
    - The drainage crew had to remove a fallen tree Falmore kilcurry LS7107-0

- **Road and Pothole Repairs**
    - Roche LS71120 road repairs.
    - White Mills Faughart LS7100,

Tar Patching

- White Mills Faughart LS7100,
- Ravanny and they also tar patched at
- Rd 182 Walterstown Cross – Whiterath
- Watery Cross Dromiskin,
- Rd 189 the Lynns
- Rd151 Drumard Rosybrook lane.

Surface dressing

- Blackrock,
- Knockbridge,
- Castlebellingham,
- Dromskin
- Tallanstown

- **Footpath Repairs & Upgrades**
    - Ard na Mara Blackrock.

- **Traffic Light Repairs**
    - Xerox junction,
    - Haynestown junction
    - Felda Junction
    -
- **Other Works**
    - Flail mowing, cutting back grass verges at dangerous junctions to improve sight lines, with carried out from
    - Haynestown Marlbog Road to Dungooly Cross,
    - LS-7098 Faughart Upper Graveyard LP_3095 Claret Rock,
    - LS100 Faughart Shrine,
    - Dublin road to N1,

- **Illegal Dumping**

R132 Dublin Road,
LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown,
LS-7103 Carn More Kilcurry.

- **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste**
    - R177 Armagh Road, LS-7103 Carn More, LS-7162 Clermont Road Haggardstown.



Lane at Rathcor prepared for plaining under the LIS Scheme

MID LOUTH & ARDEE

- **Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains**
- Inspections and cleaning as required to Gullies in Ardee, Collon, and Dunleer
- Outlets and drains cleaned of debris in Dromin and Ardee ahead of Storm Austen and Storm Boelo

- **Drainage Works**
- L-5256, Millockstown
- L-6239, Drumcar
- R169, Collon
- R170, Dromin
- L-5252, Hurlstown
- L-1297, Everitts Lane

- **Road Resurfacing**
- n/a

- **Road and Pothole Repairs**
- L-1260, Shanlis
- L-5259, Stoney Lane
- L-5256, Millockstown
- L-5252, Hurlstown

- **Road Sweeping**
- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day) – New MultiHog for the Area

- **Footpath Repairs & Upgrades**
- New Footpath and Crossing Upgraded on School Lane, Collon for Collon National School
- Repairs to Footpath in Sliabh Breag and Tierney Street, Ardee

- **Signs & Bollards Maintenance**
- Signage Cleaned and repaired in area
- New Signage for L-5256
- New Signage for Riverwalk in Ardee
- New Traffic Island Bollards for N2 in Collon Village

- **Traffic Light Repairs**
- n/a

- **Playground & Gym Equipment**
  - Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at the Fairgreen, Ardee
  - Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Dunleer

- **Other Works**
  - Line Marking to L-2239 - Mountain Road
  - Line Marking to R169 - Collon Road
  - Cleared Trees after Storm Austen and Storm Boelo in a number of locations including; R168, Oriel Road, Collon and Hurlstone, Ardee
  - Coastal Erosion Protection installed to L-6218, Salterstown



Coastal Erosion Protection Works at Salterstown

- **Illegal Dumping**
- n/a

- **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste**
- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)
- Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles
- Emptying of Public Bins at;
  - Ardee Town
  - Dunleer town
  - Collon
  - Riverside Walk
  - Link Road

- **Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards**
- Ring Buoy Checking in;
  - Ardee Town - River Dee
  - Salterstown
  - Port Beach

- **Ports & Harbours**
- Bollards taken at Salterstown after Coastal Erosion Works

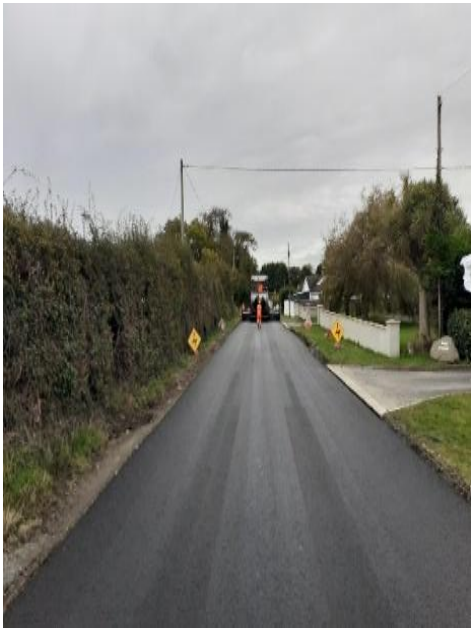
SOUTH LOUTH & DROGHEDA RURAL

Monthly Operations Report

- **Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains**
  - Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Clogherhead, Termonfeckin, Tullyallen and in the rural areas
  - Inspections and Cleaning as required
  - Outlets and drains cleaned of debris in Area ahead of Storm Austen and Storm Boelo

- **Drainage Works**
  - L-6319, The Burris
  - L-2299, Newline Road

- **Road Resurfacing**
  - L-6281, Castlecoo Hill, Clogherhead



Castlecoo Hill, Clogherhead (New Sub-Base and Road Surface Installed)

- **Road and Pothole Repairs**
  - L-6232, Dummies Lane
  - L-6289, Coolfore
  - R166, Clogherhead
  - R167, Termonfeckin
- **Road Sweeping**
  - Routes in towns and villages in Area
- **Playground & Gym Equipment**
  - Maintenance and cleaning of park and playground complete with daily checks of the playground, & exercise equipment at Clogherhead

- **Other Works**
  - Empty Public Facilities at; Monasterboice, Port and Clogherhead
  - A number of Signs cleaned, repaired, straighten and replaced in area
  - Hedge cutting by LCC Crews in Tenure Area
  - Hedge cutting by Contractors in South Louth Area
  - Cleared Trees after Storm Austen and Storm Boelo on; N51, R168, L-6284 and L-6277
  - New Signage installed on R167, Beaulieu



Clearing Fallen Trees after Storm Boelo

- **Illegal Dumping**
  - Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from the area Dumping on the Collon Road, Slane Road, Hill of Rath, Tullyallen and Clogherhead
  - Assistance with Tidy Towns as required
  - Removal of Bags Collection from;
  - Baltray
  - Termonfeckin
  - Twenties Lane
  - PANCR/Ballymakenny Road
  - Townrath
  - Sandpit
  - Galroostown
  - Clogherhead

- **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste**
  - Clogherhead Car Park daily cleanup around bins
  - Rubbish and Dumping
  - Emptying Dog Waste Receptacles at;
    - Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
    - Clogherhead Beach
    - Port Beach
    - Termonfeckin
    - Baltray
    - Seapoint Carpark
  - Emptying of Public Bins at;
    - Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
    - Clogherhead Beach
    - Port Beach
    - Termonfeckin
    - Baltray
    - Seapoint Carpark
    - PANCR Route Drogheda
  - County Bins and Rubbish done daily (including all beaches) with Villages done on alternative days.
  - Bottlebanks cleaned Daily in County Areas
  - Collected Skips from Community Groups from Multiple Groups

- **Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards**

Ring Buoy Checking in;

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

DROGHEDA TOWN

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Gully Cleaning Contract commences Tuesday 27/10/2026, Phase 1 – 536 Gullys on main approach roads to Drogheda Town.

- Drainage Works
  - Distribution of sand bags at Wellington Quay, North Quay, Urshers Corner & Ship St during high tides and Storm Austen & Beolo.
  - Due to current storms flooding occurred on Boyne Rd & Bridge of Peace – LCC unblock Gullys at these locations.
  - Gully repairs at Shrewsbury Manor, Stameen, Maple Drive, Glenmore Drive & Scarlet Crescent.
  - Manhole repairs on Twenties Lane.

- **Road Resurfacing**
  - Drogheda Road works Program commenced on the 17th August 2026.
  - Beamore Rd – resurfacing and road markings complete.
  - Crosslanes – resurfacing and road marking complete.
  - Crushrod Lane – resurfacing and road marking complete.
  - Hardman Gardens – resurfacing and road marking complete.
  - Thomas St – resurfacing and road markings are complete.
  - Georges St / Patrick St – resurfacing and road marking complete.
  - Plan to resurface Scarlet St prior to mid November.

- **Road and Pothole Repairs at**
  - Loughboy Estate
  - Cement Rd
  - Boyle O Reilly
  - Patrickswell Lane
  - St Laurence St

- **Road Sweeping**

<u>Sweeper 1</u>

- All approach Roads Daily
- Plus, Hotspots
- Gully Cleaning Town Area
- Housing Estates on Southside
- Cherrybrook
- Roscoill
- Castlewood
- Beechwood Drive
- Treagh View
- Cederafield

<u>Sweeper 2</u>

- North Rd to M1 Including Link Rd. (Mon and Friday Weekly)
- Pancar
- Twenties
- Ballymakenny Rd
- Housing Estates Northside
- Broadmeadows
- Brookville
- Maston Lodge
- Castlemanor
- Yellowbatter
- Newfield
- Ballypark
- Westcourt
- College Rise

<u>Multi-Hog Sweeper</u> – town centre and the following area

- Dominick Pk/Ramparts
- Mell Carpark
- Donore Rd
- King St
- Bolton Square

- Washing of Umbrellas and Benches on West St (every fri)
- Meatmarket Lane
- Bachelors Lane
- Mayoralty St
- Ballsgrove Hill
- Windmill Rd
- Boyle O Reilly
- Newtown Cemetery
- Fair Green
- Reillys Carpark
- Abbey Carpark
- North Rd (In between the Bollards)
- Brystowncross Route.
- Wheaton Hall
- Mountsandford
- College Rise
- Harmony Heights
- Riverwalk Mell

<u>Green machines x 2</u> Town Centre daily and following locations

- Dominick's Pk
- Dominick's Bridge
- Lourdes's square
- Market Square
- Fr Connolly Way.
- Abbey Carpark.
- Patrickwell lane.
- King St.
- Mell.
- Francis St.
- Millmount
- Mount St Oliver
- Duleek St
- Old Hill
- Fair Green
- Dublin Rd
- Dublin Rd Steps
- Marsh Rd
- Watery Hill steps
- Dale Steps
- Curry Hill
- Pitcher Hill

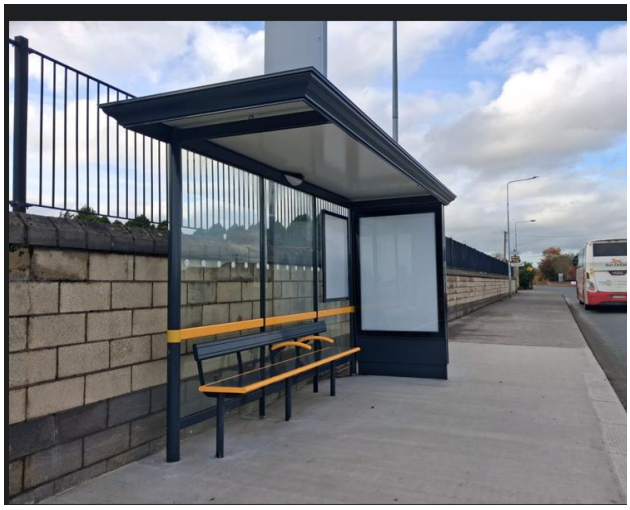
- **Footpath Repairs & Upgrades**
  - Survey footpaths included on route for the Drogheda Lu Lighting festival and minor repairs carried out.
  - Design of Dropped Kebs and Tactile Paving at various locations in Drogheda, locations agreed with Irish Wheelchair Association, letter of intent has now been issued to the lowest contractor.

- **Signs & Bollards Maintenance**
  - New pay parking signage erected at Bolton St Carpark.
  - New market signage erected at Bolton St Carpark.
  - Reinstatement of directional signage at St Laurence Gate.
  - Flexi bollards reinstated at R132
  - Junction signage realigned at Constitution Hill.
  - Bollards reinstated at St Peters Cemetery.
  - Reinstate bollards at Beamore Bridge.
  - Bollards repairs on West St.

- **Traffic Light Repairs**
  - General maintenance of traffic light signal heads and lamps.
  - Re setting of traffic light loops at Crosslanes / Windmill junction.

- **Other Works**
  - Removal of Pallets & Tyres at various locations within outskirts of Drogheda Town at IDA Rd, Forest Pk, *Ballymakenny , St Finian's Pk, Rathmullen Rd, Marley's Court, Boicecourt, Newtown Wood & Harmony Heights.*

- Monitoring of traffic / pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St,
- O Reilly Carpark & West St.
- Reinstatement of litter bin outside Georges St Public Toilets.
- Removal of graffiti in town centre.
- Bring banks in Drogheda are checked and cleared daily during working week, also all bring banks in Drogheda are checked and cleared on Saturday pm.
- Weeding at Old Abbey Lane, Patrickswell Lane & Old Abbey Carpark.
- Reinstatement of Manholes at Patricks St.
- Power washing and Disinfectant of Rosemary Lane, Meat market lane & Highlane Steps.
- Bins washed on town centre fortnightly.
- Bins washed down on West St every second week.



One of two bus shelters installed at Crosslanes

Bus Stops Enhancement Programme (BSEP)

Under the new BSEP scheme the following bus shelters have been installed around Drogheda.

- 2 Bus shelters installed at Crosslanes,
- 2 Bus Shelters installed at North Rd,
- 2 Bus Shelters installed at OLOL hospital
- 1 Bus Shelter installed at at Donore Rd,
- 1 Bus Shelter to be installed at Georges st

- **Illegal Dumping**
  - Rathmullen, Skelly's Lane, Bessexwell Lane, Ballsgrove, Collon Rd, Slane Rd, Dummy's Lane, Ballsgrove, Rathmullen Rd & IDA Rd.



Council teams have been kept very busy removing pallets, furniture and other illegal items from areas such as Brookville and Tenure

- **Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/Dog Waste**

  Collection of bags of litter from community groups / TUS / Tidy Towns at

  - Termonfeckin
  - Slane Rd
  - Togher
  - Newfoundwell Rd
  - Aston Village

- Dale
- Forest Grange
- Glenmore Drive
- Yellowbatter
- Maple Drive
- Greenhills
- Oulsterlane
- Chord Rd
- Termonfeckin Rd
- Ballymakenny Rd
- Dublin Rd
- Finian's Pk
- Priory Lodge Termonfeckin
- Flaxmill Lane
- Rathmullen Pk
- Hillview.
- Riverbank
- Ashfield
- Melifont Park
- Cement Rd
- Brickfield/Trinity Gardens
- Melifont Pk
- Fountain Hill
- Cherrybrook Drive

Litter picking at the following locations

- Fair St
- St Peters Church of Ireland square
- Williams St
- Abbey Carpark
- Reillys Carpark
- Duke Street
- Scholes Lane
- Georges Square
- Fairgreen
- Dominick's Bridge/Park
- Ballsgrove Hill
- Watery Hill
- Bolton Square
- Rope Walk
- Patrick St
- Bothar Brugha
- Park View
- John Paul Court
- Windmill Rd
- Skelly's Lane
- Hand St
- Thomas St
- Chord Rd
- Sandyford Tce
- Sycamore's
- Glenmore Drive
- Glenview
- Oulsterlane
- Scarlet St
- Riverwalk Mell
- Riverwalk - Rathmullen Rd
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- **Ring Buoys – Drogheda Town**
  - 89 Ring buoys checked each week.

COUNTYWIDE
Events – October 2026

Event	Location	Date
Carlingford Adventure Race	Carlingford	10 October 2026
FASN 5K Run	Dundalk	11 October 2026
Rugby on the Green	Drogheda	7 October 2026
Rugby on the Green	Drogheda	14 October 2026
Rugby on the Green	Drogheda	21 October 2026
Lú Festival of Lights	Drogheda	23 October 2026 to 30 October 2026
Ferdia Festival 2026	Ardee	31 October 2026 - 1 Nov 2026

Climate Action
Louth Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
Monitoring of the delivery of the actions contained within the LCC CAP continued.

Ramparts River Regeneration project
The Ramparts River instream works have now been reviewed by the larger Dundalk Flood Relief Scheme; AA screening has been completed, and the project plan has been presented to the management team.

Dundalk Blackrock Decarbonisation Zone
An internal stakeholder workshop as completed with an external; stakeholder

workshop planned. Specialist facilitators have been appointed.

Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs)
The Climate Action Team continue to manage and fund the development of Energy Master Plans (EMPs) for the SECs in the County. Dromiskin SEC is progressing with its EMP, with a range of stakeholder engagement complete. The tender process for the Blackrock SEC is beginning.

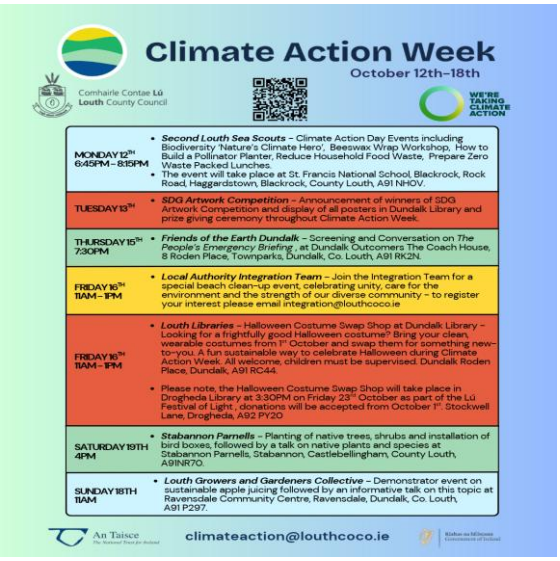
National Climate Action Plan guidelines drafting review working group
The Climate Action Coordinator is participating in the national expert working group for the drafting of guidelines for the next iteration of the Local Authority Climate Action Plans.

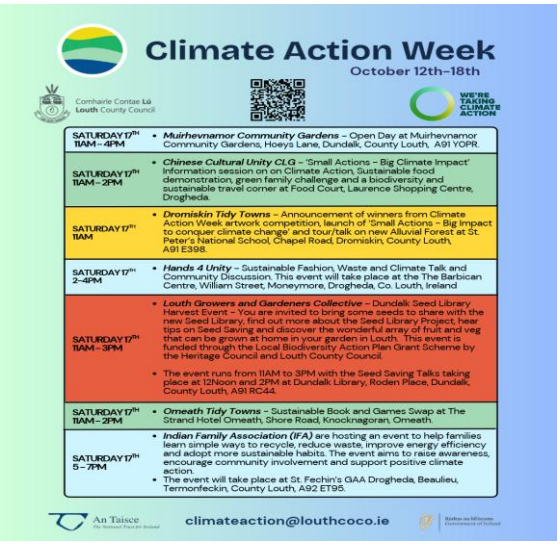
Climate Adaptation Hub
Louth County Council attended the inaugural Adaptation Hub's Workshop, a full-day workshop bringing together participants from regional and local government, to explore shared priorities for climate adaptation and how we can work more effectively to ensure adaptation progress in Ireland is keeping pace with the scale of the challenge we face.

Community Climate Action Programme
A total of 651,374.78 euro has been allocated to 17 community groups under the second phase of the Community Climate Action Programme. Projects under Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme are currently underway.

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

Climate Action Week
Climate Action Week took place from the 12th-18th of October this year in line with An Taisce's National Climate Action Week. Grant aid of up to 500 euro was made available to community groups to apply to carry out events in Louth during this week.





A list of events that took place during Climate Action Week

Climate Innovation Course
Louth County Council have partnered with Munster Technological University and Trinity College Dublin to deliver a
Community Climate Innovation Programme. This programme offers a Level 8 accredited certificate or there is a pathway that offers a certificate of participation which is open to both members of the public and businesses within County Louth.
The first in person workshop took place earlier this month at the Market House in Dunleer. Participants will take part in a mix of online webinars and in person workshops while completing this course.

Sustainable Development Goals
The Climate Action Team have partnered with the Louth Libraries team again this year to hold

the annual Sustainable Development Goals artwork competition there is now an additional category for young adults aged 12-16 to participate.

The winners of the SDG Artwork Competition were announced as part of Climate Action Week, all prizes and certificates will be delivered to the winners in each category and their artwork will be displayed in Dundalk Library.

Local Environmental Action Fund / LEAF
Louth County Council launched a new funding programme to support community-led climate and environmental projects across County Louth. The initiative forms part of the nationwide IPB Insurance and Local Government Ireland Community Fund, also known as the Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF).

A total €99,792.65 has been allocated to community groups in County Louth to support Tidy Towns groups, residents' associations and other community organisations working to improve their local environment.

A total of 16 projects has been allocated funding under this funding stream, for a full list of successful projects please click here.
If you would like to know any further information on this funding stream please contact climateaction@louthcoco.ie.

Biodiversity
Dundalk Seed Library



The Dundalk Seed Library Seed Donation Harvest Event, held during Climate Action Week, by Louth Gardeners and Growers Collective, was a tremendous success, attracting over 60 attendees from across Dundalk and the wider county. The event was funded through the Heritage Council's Local Biodiversity Action Plan Grant Scheme by the Biodiversity Office with support from Louth Libraries. It provided an opportunity for local gardeners, growers and community members to donate locally saved seeds, learn about seed saving practices and find out more about plans for the new Dundalk Seed Library, due to launch in Spring 2027.

Dune Action Training
Louth County Council Climate and Biodiversity Team supported two Dune Action public training events in Termonfeckin & Seapoint. The events were funded by the SSE Airtricity GenerationGreen Fund, and delivered by ACT studio from Ballina, and University of Galway and supported by Leave No Trace.
Louth's coastal sand dunes are important, protected habitats, biodiversity hotspots, and natural coastal defences. Healthy dune systems help reduce coastal erosion and flooding risks, support climate adaptation, and contribute to national and local biodiversity and climate action.
These training sessions provide an introduction to the value of dune systems, the challenges they face, and have helped to equip local groups with the knowledge and practical approaches to dune restoration, monitoring and management.

CMAP Site selection surveys for suitable saltmarsh habitat for CMAP works continued across the county. Selection of one pristine high functioning site and three examples of fringe/corridor habitat for further survey is being finalised with project partners.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

NSAI ISO 50001 Energy Management System Audit
An NSAI reassessment audit of Louth County Council's Energy Management System was completed in September 2026. The Council was recommended for continued ISO 50001 certification, with no non-conformances identified.



Council staff and NSAI Auditor in an Online Meeting for ISO 50001 Audit

The audit highlighted strong leadership, significant progress in building retrofits, renewable energy installations and fleet decarbonisation measures, while identifying several opportunities for continual improvement in energy performance management and reporting.

Energy Upgrade at County Museum Dundalk - Part 8 Planning Proposal

A Part 8 planning proposal was published on **13 October 2026** for energy works at the County Museum Dundalk to replace the existing fossil fuel heating system with a low-carbon alternative. The proposed development includes the removal of the existing heating plant, the installation of three heat pumps and an associated plant enclosure, together with related site works. The project supports the decarbonisation of the museum while respecting its status as a Protected Structure within the Dundalk Architectural Conservation Area. Public submissions and observations may be made up to **5.00 p.m. on 25th November 2026**. See https://planning.localgov.ie/en for further details.

Reduce Your Use Campaign

The Reduce Your Use energy efficiency campaign has recommenced across Louth County Council. Led by the Council's Energy Team, the campaign encourages staff to adopt simple energy-saving actions in the workplace and at home, supporting national energy reduction targets, lowering energy costs and contributing to climate action objectives. Staff will receive regular guidance and awareness messages throughout the winter period to help maintain the Council's strong performance in energy management.

Energy Upgrade at County Library and Bookstore and Drogheda Fire Station

A Contractor, Alternative Heat Ltd., has been awarded the first stage (design) of a design-build project to provide energy improvement works to Council buildings in Dundalk and Drogheda (County Library and Bookstore, Dundalk, County Museum, Dundalk and Fire Station, Drogheda). The design works are subject to Energy Efficient Design review process by an independent consultant and that process has commenced. It is expected construction will take in the region of 6–9 months to complete.

FACILITIES

Dundalk Athletics Track

Construction works have reached Practical Completion stage, and construction works are complete.

The facility features a new eight lane, 400-metre synthetic running track, a central field space, and dedicated long jump/triple jump, shot put, high jump, pole vault, and javelin facilities.

The track will initially open without floodlighting and work on the floodlights has commenced.



Dundalk Athletics Track



Floodlight Installation

North Louth Operations Base

Construction works have commenced on the upgrade of North Louth Operations Base at Ballaverty.

The proposed development will consist of the removal of existing temporary storage containers and the construction of a single-storey building comprising office accommodation, canteen and associated sanitary facilities, and all associated site development works.
Mullacurry Construction Ltd have been awarded the contract, works have commenced in October, and works are expected to be complete in Q2 2027.



The existing Bush Depot at Ballaver

Sustainability

Waste and Litter Enforcement

Investigations under Litter Pollution Act	106
FPN under Litter Pollution Act	14
Waste complaints received ytd	267
Investigations under waste legislation	352

Diesel Laundering Waste

There was 17 ibcs removed by the Council to date in October 2026. In total for 2026 so far, there have been 85 ibcs removed.

Litter Foot patrol

The Litter Warden team carry out a 5 hour foot patrol in the Dundalk town area this month. The foot-patrols aim to provide a concentrated approach to litter enforcement and awareness.





RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

There has been 4 payments made in the sum of €12,097.50 (as of 22nd October 2026) for Individual Domestic Water Supplies (more commonly called private wells).

Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme

There has been no payments made for Lead Replacement.

Sustainability

Water Quality and complaints

7 water pollution complaints including water agricultural complaints were received in October 2026. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

8 air pollution complaints were received this month. 3 noise pollution cases received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm survey Inspections

During the month of October 2026, 12 farm GAP inspections were carried out along with 2 re-inspections. No non-compliance letters issued.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 15 monitoring results received by Louth County Council in October 2026 for Section 4 Discharge Licences.

Licenced landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in October

at Dundalk. Monthly perimeter gas monitoring was carried out at all three sites

Septic Tanks

4 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in October.

Planning

47 planning reports completed for October 2026. 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.

Animal Control and Welfare

Molly and Sara, two very bonded ladies surrendered to the Pound this month, are seeking a fresh start together in a loving new home.



Control of Dogs

Dogs through the pound October 2026	
Total dogs through the pound	22
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	11
Surrendered by owners	11
No of dogs reclaimed by owners	3
No of dogs rehomed direct	4
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	5
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 31/10/2026	**6**

Dog Licences October 2026	
No of Licences sold	
Licence Checks:	
House calls	652
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	163
Fixed Penalty Notices	8

Control of Horses

Horses through the pound October 2026	
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 31/10/2026	*0*

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments October 2026	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 31/10/2026)	***6***
Hunt	***1***
Boarding Kennels	***2***
Training Kennels	***1***
Welfare	***2***

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

There were 104 training days for Fire Personnel in the Month of October
The following Courses took place in October:

- One new Carlingford Recruit Completed an Initial Recruit Course in Hackettstown.
- One Student Completed a Pump Operations initial training with Meath FRS
- Seven Louth Sub Officers completed a Sub Officer Module 1 Course in Dundalk
- Two-day Pump Refresher Training was also conducted in Dundalk.
- Seven Louth students completed their Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (CFBT) in Hackettstown.

Compartment Fire Behaviour Initial Class and Louth Students

The Dundalk Fire Services Learning and Development Centre was successfully granted its Part 8 Planning at the October Dundalk MD meeting. This 8 million euro project will now move to the detailed design stage and pre - tendering for contractors will also begin shortly.

The National Incident System has been updated for all Fire Services in the county. The new document was issued by the NDFEM and this is the first revision of the system since its initial roll out in 2006. Fire Crews are currently undergoing awareness training of the changes to the system and it will be implemented across the service in Louth once all personnel have received this training.

Louth Fire Service also took delivery of two new station vans for Dunleer and Carlingford Fire Brigades and a new 4x 4 Ranger Jeep for Dunleer Fire Brigade. The vans will be used for station duties however the 4x4 Jeep will be an operational vehicle turning out to RTC incidents on the motorway and other roads-based incidents.





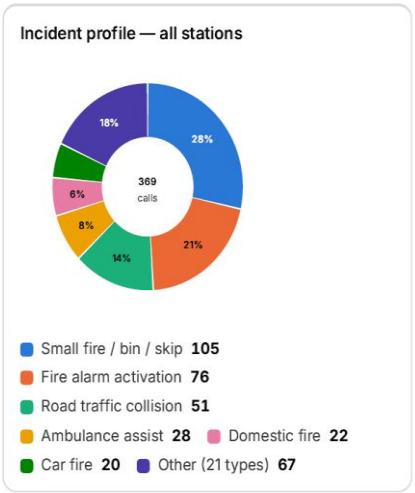


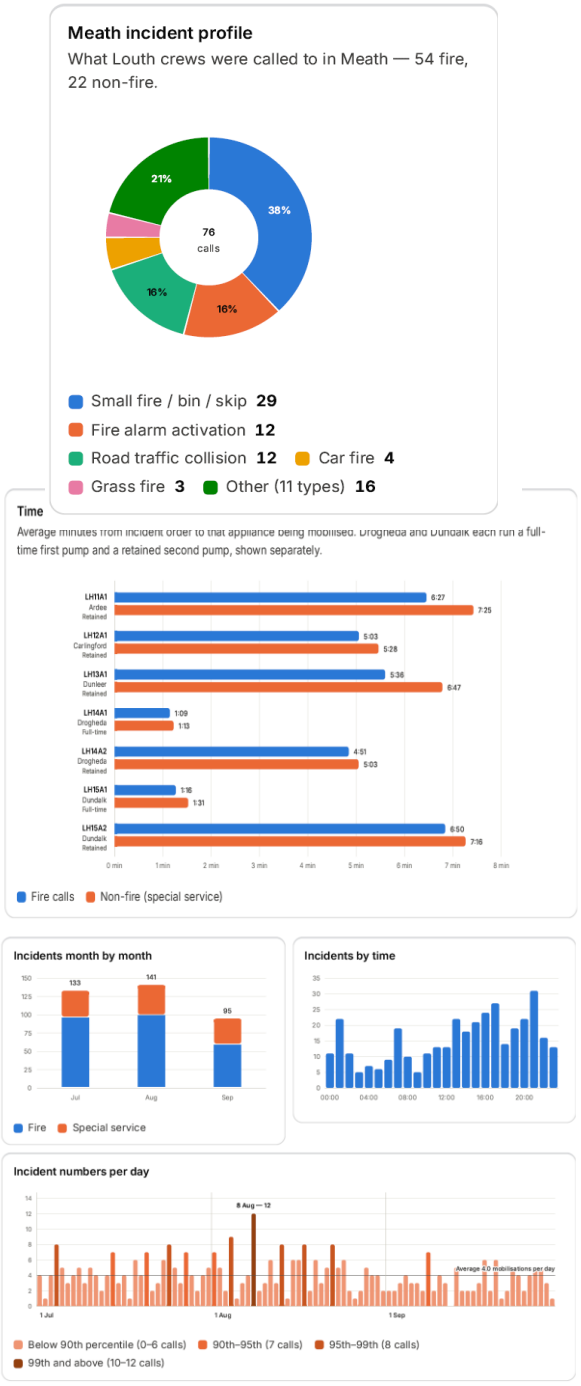
New Dunleer Station Van & 4x4 Jeep

There were 1,111 Incidents logged with ERCC for Louth YTD.

There were 396 mobilisations in Q3 2026. 76 were recorded in East Meath Area

Below are some of the data and statistics for Q3 from data supplied by ERCC.





Fire Safety

13 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received, bringing the total received to date this year to 121 applications.

Major Emergency Management

Louth Fire & Housing section attended a Multi – Agency Rest Centre Exercise in Monaghan, the exercise involved personnel from Monaghan County Council, Civil Defence, An Garda Síochána, the National Ambulance Service and the HSE. As Housing Section have a lead role in the management and operation of Rest Centres under Major Emergency Management arrangements the purpose of the exercise was to test the activation, establishment, operation and close-down of a Rest Centre in support of persons displaced by an emergency incident. Preparations are underway with the housing section to upskill personnel in this area an prepare a desktop exercise next month.

Building Control

Disability Access Certificates – October	4 (85 – 2026)
Total number of new units notified October	58
Total of new units notified for 2026	705
Number of Commencement Notices submitted for October	26
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2026	314

Civil Defence

Training

Weekly training continues every Thursday
First Aid Responder (FAR) course
Emergency First Response (EFR) commenced
Cardiac First Aid (CFR) course
Manual Handling
Swiftwater Instructor course
Medical Instructor Recertification course
Search Manager course

Duties

Age Friendly Expo, Dunleer

Other

Evacuation Centre Exercise, Monaghan
Community First Responders were activated 10 times by NAS

An Stiúrthóireacht um Acmhainní Daonna, Soláthar Corparáideach & Pobail

Human Resources, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

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

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

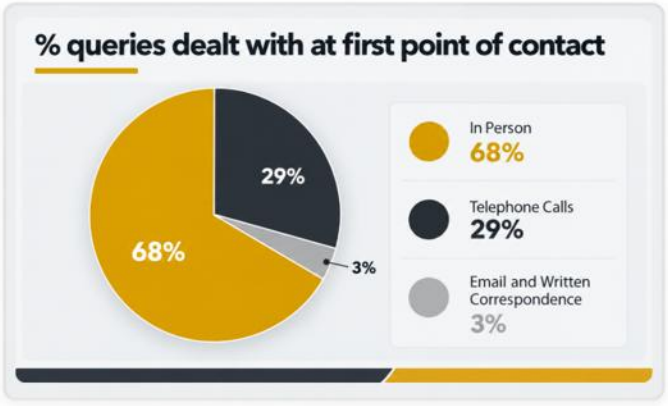
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Stiúrthóir gníomhach / Acting Director





Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

During October 2026, Customer Services dealt with 15,886 queries, comprising 7,207 telephone calls, 7,693 counter enquiries, and 986 email and written correspondence enquiries. Of the total queries received, 10,614 (67%) were resolved at the first point of contact, broken down as follows:

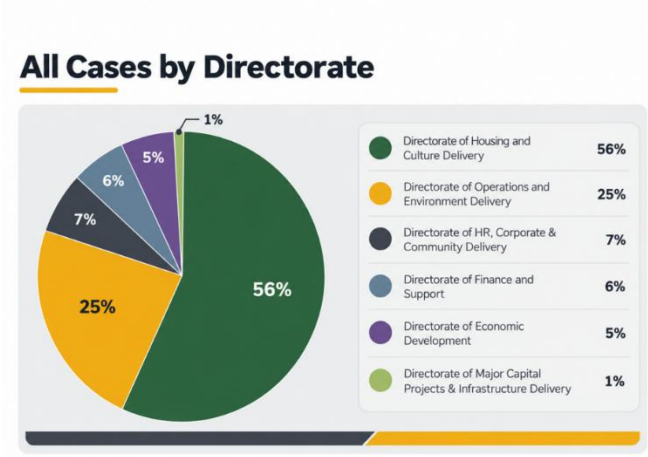


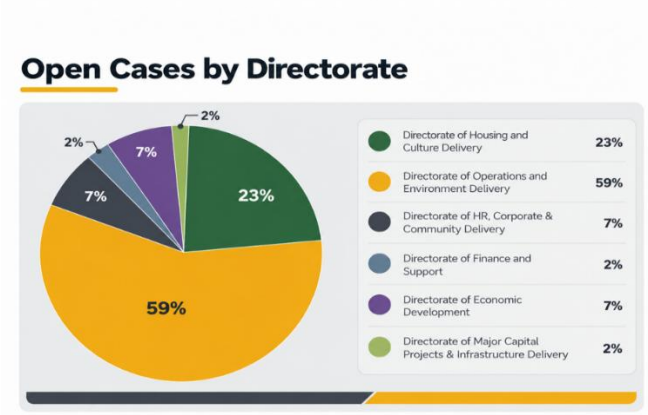
There were 6,076 valid CRM cases recorded during October 2026 of which 257 were received from elected members. A total of 640 (10.5%) remains unresolved by end of October.

Data Protection, Information Compliance and Complaints

The table below illustrates activity in Data Protection, Information Compliance and Complaints for the month of October.

	2025 Total January–October	***2026 Total January-October***	***2026 Total October Only***
DSARS	*25*	*18*	*2*
DATA PROTECTION	*29*	*27*	*2*
FOI REQUEST – RECORDS	*137*	*195*	*18*
AIE – INFORMATION	*11*	*17*	*0*
RPSI	*0*	*0*	*0*





Complaints	25	*64*	*9*
Ombudsman	*24*	*20*	*2*

Franchise Section

Since the launch of Voter.ie on 18th August 2026 and the commencement of the PPSN verification campaign on 28th August 2026, the Franchise Section has made significant progress in improving the quality and accuracy of the Register of Electors.

As a result of targeted correspondence issued to electors and ongoing validation work undertaken by staff, the percentage of electors with a PPSN recorded on the register has increased from 25.51% to 30.11%, representing an increase of 4.6 percentage points over the reporting period. This reflects strong engagement from electors and continued efforts to enhance the integrity of electoral records.

Elector Status	August 2026 (Pre-Voter.ie & PPSN Campaign)	October 2026
Registered with PPSN	25.51%	30.11%
Not Registered with PPSN	74.49%	69.89%

The continued collection and verification of PPSNs supports the accurate identification of electors, reduces the risk of duplicate registrations, and strengthens the overall integrity and reliability of the electoral register. Work in this area remains ongoing, with further increases in PPSN coverage anticipated as electors continue to engage with the verification process.

Communications

During October, the Communications Team issued 16 press releases, responded to 21 media queries and coordinated five staff interviews with local media. Key communications activity included the arrival of the Narrow Water Bridge, the Portuguese and Irish ambassadorial visit to County Louth during Ireland's EU Presidency, the National Broadband Ireland Network Completion Event in Dundalk, and the announcement of an agreement between Louth County Council and Friends of Ardee Bog.

Community Support

Community Expo 2026

On 30th September, Age Friendly Louth & Louth PPN held their Community Expo in Dunleer. The event featured over 40 exhibitor stalls from community groups, charities and social enterprises, interactive art and yoga workshops, a consultation on Community Wellbeing and talks and presentations from the Road Safety Authority and hints and tips on healthy ageing by Ann Orr Physiotherapist. The Community Expo 2026 was a collaboration between Age Friendly Louth & Louth PPN and was a great way to celebrate Positive Ageing Week 2026 and Social Inclusion Week 2026.



Members of Drogheda Filipino Community with David Conway & Joanna Kelly, LCC & Joe Grogan, Louth OPC



Community Gardai from Drogheda and South Louth

Festival In a Van

To celebrate Positive Ageing Week & Social Inclusion week, Age Friendly Louth invited Festival in a Van to come to Cooley Kickhams GFC on the morning of Friday 2nd October for an intergenerational community music session.

The first session kicked off with music and songs for over 30 staff and children from the local creche. This was followed by a session of country music for the members of the Cooley Men's Community Club. Members of CooleyConnectWell attended the third session which featured traditional musicians Roisin & Breifne who treated everyone to a fantastic trad session.

Festival In A Van provides a great opportunity to celebrate positive ageing and social inclusion whilst bringing live music to communities especially rural communities.



Festival in a Van at Cooley Kickhams GFC

Launch of Positive Ageing Films "Pieces of Us" & "Fragments"

An Tains Arts Centre hosted a screening of two short films on Tuesday 6th October. These films were the end result of an age friendly project to challenge ageism and promote positive ageing in County Louth.

The end result entitled "Fragments" was a powerful and emotional piece of work and is a moving tribute to each person involved in the film. Each participant selected a photograph from their life so far that has a very special meaning for them. For some it was a picture of a much-loved parent or child and for others it was of a friend or a photograph capturing a very special time in their life.

The second shorter film called "Pieces of Us" showed each of the project participants introducing themselves and making a personal statement in relation to ageism and ageing. All participants in the project were a wonderful example of positive ageing whilst making special connections along the way.

The project is part funded by Creative Ireland Creative Communities Fund, Age Friendly Louth and Louth County Council.



Participants in this year's Promoting Positive Ageing Project

Climate Action Week 2026

To celebrate Climate Action Week 2026 members of the Redeemer Young at Heart Group who meet weekly in the Redeemer Resource Centre took part in an autumnal flower arranging workshop.





Flower Arranging Workshop at the Redeemer Resource Centre, Dundalk

National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards

The National Age-Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2026 took place in Limerick on 8th October at The Strand Hotel. County Louth had two projects shortlisted for nomination:
Greenhills Grange Age Friendly Housing Development, Drogheda under the Age Friendly Housing Category and Switch & Save Drogheda & District Support for Older People (DDS4OP) under the Communications Category.

Age Friendly Louth are delighted to report that Greenhills Grange was a winner on the night. It is a great achievement in a very tough category. Well done to the Council's Housing Team and to all concerned with the project.

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

Staff from the Community Development Section participated in a webinar on 19th October relating to the Local Enhancement Programme 2026. The webinar was hosted by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and included a presentation on the findings of a recent consultation with local authority staff involved in the administration of the programme.

The webinar provided valuable insights and highlighted a number of proposed improvements that are expected to enhance the programme for local authority staff, LCDCs and participating community groups.

To date, funding has been issued to 61 community and voluntary groups in County Louth under the programme, representing a total allocation of €180,744.30.

Comhairle na nÓg

Louth Comhairle na nÓg and Newry Mourne and Down Youth Council took part in a Study Visit to Berlin from 30th September to 3rd October. The young people planned the trip to gain a greater understanding of the impact of conflict on the city through World War 1, World War 2 and the Cold War.
The group visited many museums dedicated to victims of the conflicts and heard people's stories about how they have been affected. On Saturday the young people visited the Reichstag, German Parliament Building. While the schedule was jam packed there was also time for fun. Many thanks to the Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership for their continued support.
The Youth Leadership and Mentoring project is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

On 12th October Louth Comhairle na nÓg held an advisory committee meeting with the various agencies that support their work. This included Comhairle members from Dundalk, Mid Louth and Drogheda and the young people highlighted all the work they are doing for young people in the community. This included developing a film in Drogheda about the dangers of Sexting, developing a peer education project to raise awareness of vaping, their Leadership Outdoor Education project and the many PEACE Projects currently underway. This included a presentation on the study trip to Berlin.

The Louth Comhairle Advisory Group is made up of Comhairle members and representatives from the Department of Children, the Council, LMETB, CYPSC, Outcomers and Louth Local Development.



LCNN Study Visit to Berlin

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Community Expo

The Louth PPN and Age Friendly Louth Community Expo took place on 30th September in Lann Leire Pavilions in Dunleer, Co. Louth. The event brought together local organisations, volunteers and all sectors of the community, featuring exhibitors showcasing services, initiatives and opportunities that support and enrich the lives of people across County Louth. From health and wellbeing to education, sustainability and youth engagement, the event highlighted the incredible work being done at grassroots level. Attendees enjoyed interactive yoga and art workshops and plenty of opportunities to network with each other and get involved in local initiatives.



Community Expo in Dunleer

Meetings
Louth PPN's Secretariat met online on 13th October to co-ordinate activities for the coming weeks and months.

Louth PPN's Q4 Plenary Meeting took place on 22nd October in The Market House in Dunleer. The Plenary meeting is a great opportunity for members to network with fellow PPN member groups from across the County. Pre-registration for Q4 training courses was made available for attendees, along with information on available funding, supports and resources for community groups to avail of through the Council for the end of 2026 and into 2027.

PPN Awards
A review of all received nominations for this year's Louth PPN Community and Voluntary awards took place on the first week of October and 8 groups have been shortlisted as potential recipients of an award.

Promotion
The filming of videos of community groups has begun to take place across the County to help promote the day-to-day work of member groups within their

communities. These videos will be featured on Louth PPN's social media platforms in the coming months.

Healthy Louth

Healthy Louth CommUnity Connect: Champion Training Day

Healthy Louth successfully hosted a Community Connect Training Day, bringing together a wide range of partner organisations to increase awareness of local mental health, wellbeing and community support services available across County Louth.

The event featured contributions from representatives of Healthy Ireland, the HSE Suicide Prevention Resource Office, Louth Libraries, the Council's Sláintecare Local Development Officers, Louth Local Development Social Prescribing Service, Louth Public Participation Network (PPN), the HSE Sláintecare Office and Mental Health Ireland. The diverse range of speakers provided participants with valuable insights into the supports, programmes, and referral pathways available within their communities.

The training day was fully booked, demonstrating a strong demand for greater knowledge and awareness of local health and wellbeing resources. Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees reporting increased understanding of available services, stronger awareness of community referral options and enhanced confidence in signposting individuals to appropriate supports.



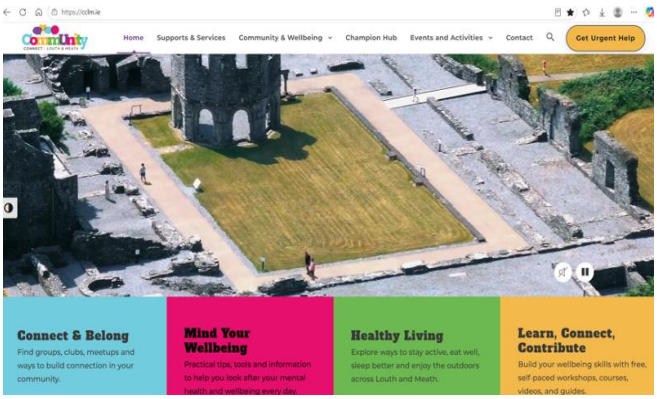
CommUnity Connect Champion Training Day

Healthy Louth CommUnity Connect: Website Launch

To mark World Mental Health Day on 10th October, Healthy Louth are proud to announce that the CommUnity Connect Louth & Meath website is now live.

This represents a significant strategic milestone for the CommUnity Connect initiative, developed through collaboration between Healthy Louth, Healthy Meath and the Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention (ROSP) for Louth and Meath. The new platform has been created to make it easier for people to access information on local activities, services, supports and opportunities that promote health, wellbeing, social inclusion and community connection across both counties.

The website strengthens the long-term sustainability and reach of the CommUnity Connect programme by providing a single, accessible trusted source of information for residents, community groups, frontline staff and referral partners. By improving visibility of local supports and enhancing signposting pathways, the platform will help connect individuals with resources that can support positive mental health, reduce isolation and encourage greater participation in community life.



Sanctuary Runners – Global Solidarity Run

Healthy Louth was delighted to support Sanctuary Runners Louth at the Global Solidarity Run on 11th October, held in the Phoenix Park in Dublin. The event brought people from diverse backgrounds together, through sport and physical activity, promoting inclusion, connection and community wellbeing.

The initiative provided a positive platform to demonstrate solidarity with people seeking safety and opportunity, while reinforcing Healthy Louth's commitment to fostering inclusive, resilient and connected communities. Through cross-community participation, the event highlighted the important role that community-based activities play in strengthening social cohesion, belonging and mutual understanding across County Louth.

This year's Global Solidarity Run formed a key part of the schedule of public events to mark Ireland's EU Presidency.



Sanctuary Runners Louth at the Global Solidarity Run in the Phoenix Park, Dublin

Sláintecare Drogheda

The Late-Night League Drogheda

The Late Night League in Drogheda is a collaborative youth engagement, bringing together sport, youth services, local authorities and An Garda Síochána to provide positive recreational opportunities for young people. This is a multistakeholder collaboration with the Council's Slaintecare Local Development Officer, SportsUile, LMETB, FAI, An Garda Siobchana, Forgoies Cable Project, Youth Work Irelands Boyne Project and Southside Project. This project commenced on 19th October and the programme is planned to run over five weeks.

Social Inclusion Week – Donegal Wellness Café Visit

As part of Social Inclusion Week, the Council's Sláintecare Drogheda LDO visited the Donegal Wellness Café in Lifford with Louth Local Development's Healthy Ireland Slaintecare Team and participants from their Connection Café.

It was a wonderful opportunity to see their approach in action and connect with their café members. A brilliant day of learning, sharing, and building connections – all with the shared goal of supporting health, wellbeing and stronger communities.



Visit to Donegal Wellness Cafe

Sláintecare Dundalk

The Sláintecare Local Development Officer attended and contributed to the Community Food and Food Poverty Outcomes Conference, which marked the launch of the new national Sláintecare Healthy Communities Framework for addressing food poverty. The conference brought together stakeholders from across the country to share learning, showcase successful initiatives and outline a coordinated national approach to reducing food poverty and improving food security within disadvantaged communities.

The first Community Voice: Community Health Needs Assessment workshop took place on 12th October, bringing together community members, local service providers and key stakeholders to identify current health needs and priorities within the Dundalk area. The workshop facilitated meaningful discussion on local challenges and opportunities and will help inform future health and wellbeing planning. A second workshop is currently being planned and will be promoted in the coming weeks to encourage broader community participation.

The Sláintecare Local Development Officer has also concluded a report on the findings from the Place Standard Tool engagement process undertaken to inform the Muirhevamor Park District Plan. The report has been presented to Senior Management and provides valuable insight into community perspectives on the area. The findings will contribute to future planning and regeneration initiatives, with the results due to be communicated to the public in the coming weeks.

Additionally, ongoing participation in Healthy Communities partnership meetings has continued throughout the month, supporting collaboration between the HSE, local authority departments, community organisations and other stakeholders to advance health and wellbeing initiatives across Dundalk and the wider county.

LEADER
Development led by local communities

LEADER Project Funding Approved
The LAG, at its October meeting, approved funding support in the amount of **€192,475.69** for 7 LEADER Projects across County Louth. To date, total funding allocated to LEADER projects in Louth, including the most recent approvals, amounts to **€2,031,684.03,** which is 55.14% of the total programme budget.

Recent funding paid to beneficiaries under the LEADER Programme:

PROMOTER NAME	AMOUNT €
An Tain Arts Centre (1st & Final) Noirland Professional Theatre	€30,000.00
7th Louth Coastal Scout Group (2nd & Final) Equipment for Outdoor Youth Activities	€5,619.57
Tullyallen Mens Shed (1st) Mens Shed Games Room	€11,364.00
Carol Leavy Joyce (1st) Mna na hEireann – Dance Theatre Production	€12,606.00
Dundalk Mens Shed (1st) Multi-Purpose Activity Building	€25,537.50
Louth Local Development (1st & Final) Medicinal Plant Knowledge & Sustainable Local Wellbeing Training 2026	€6,000.00
Carol Leavy Joyce (2nd) Mna na hEireann – Dance Theatre Production	€21,409.00
Firrin Foods Ltd (1st) Bacon Slicing & Packing Line	€59,780.00
Tullyallen Community Centre (2nd) Project Connect	€15,162.51
Cuchulainn Gaels (3rd) Omeath Community Walking Track	€22,745.39
Sean O'Mahonys GFC (1st & Final) SOM 2026 – Multimedia Upgrade	€3,823.50
TOTAL	**€214,047.47**

IPB Pride of Place Awards 2026
County Louth was proudly represented at the IPB Pride of Place Awards 2026, with Dundalk Youth Centre securing Runners-Up in the Community Youth Initiative Category. The Council also nominated the Ardee Care & Repair Project in the Age Friendly category, recognising its outstanding contribution to supporting older members of the community.

These achievements are a fantastic endorsement of the dedication, passion and community spirit that exists throughout County Louth. The success of Dundalk Youth Centre and the recognition received by Ardee Care & Repair highlight the remarkable work being carried out by volunteers, staff and community groups to make a positive difference in people's lives and strengthen communities across the county.



Dundalk Youth Centre receiving their award in the Youth Initiative Category



Representatives from Ardee Care & Repair Project with Cathaoirleach Dolores Minogue and staff from LCC

PEACEPLUS Programme

Project Launch

The PEACEPLUS Introduction to Restorative Justice Project was launched in Muirhevnamor Community Centre by CRJI (Newry/ Armagh) on the 8th October.

This project will host two cross-border symposia to examine the experiences of ex-political prisoners and their families, review restorative justice models across Ireland and assess the feasibility of community restorative justice programmes in County Louth.



Pictured at the Launch Event for the PEACEPLUS Introduction to Restorative Justice Programme, representatives from CRJI (Newry & Armagh), Louth County Council, Oireachtas & Elected Members

Church of Ireland Harvest Harmony Festival

The Church of Ireland, Dundalk, supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, hosted their Harvest Harmony Festival on the weekend of 16th to 19th October, culminating in a Youth Choir Day with five schools from the border region coming together in friendship, inclusion & community spirit.

Louth County Council & Newry Mourne & Down Strategic Alliance

A meeting of the Joint elected members of the LCC/NMDDC Strategic Alliance took place on 28th September 2026 in County Hall, Dundalk. The meeting heard a 25th Anniversary presentation from the East Border Region and discussed progress on the Narrowwater Bridge and proposals to expand the Ireland's Ancient East Region.



Joint Members Meeting of the NMDDC/LCC Strategic Alliance with Pamela Arthurs EBR

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as of 23/10/2026

Properties offered in October	0
Families moved into properties in October	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in October	7
Property offers recorded to date	87
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	34
Beneficiaries currently assigned	106
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	23
Properties not viable to date	21

PPN/Age Friendly Event

The Louth Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) attended the PPN/Age Friendly Expo in Dunleer on 30th September to raise awareness of its work in supporting migrant integration and social inclusion across the county. Through networking and engagement with stakeholders, LAIT highlighted available supports for newcomers, fostered connections with community organisations and explored opportunities for future collaboration to enhance integration and community development initiatives in County Louth.



PPN/Age Friendly Event in Dunleer

Climate Action Week Beach Clean

As part of Climate Action Week, the Council's LAIT, in collaboration with An Taisce and residents from IPAS and BOTP centres across County Louth, organised a beach clean at Port Beach. This initiative highlights the importance of local environmental stewardship and collective action in addressing climate change. The event brought together diverse groups to protect our coastal environment, foster community spirit and promote sustainability through hands-on engagement.



Beach Clean at Port Beach

Louth Community Safety Partnership

Closed Meeting for Elected Representatives for County Louth

The closed meeting of the Community Safety Partnership took place in the Foresters Hall in Dundalk on 29th September.

The meeting focused on updating the elected members of the work of the LCSP to date in 2026 and it also provided them with an opportunity to engage in the consultation phase for the development of the LCSP plan.



Community Safety Partnership Meeting in Foresters Hall

Louth Community Safety Plan

To date, nine facilitated community-based consultation events have taken place throughout County Louth. In addition, over forty individual interviews have been conducted with a wide range of key personnel including members of the Partnership, business representatives, Newry & Mourne Policing & Community Safety Partnership, community representatives and statutory agencies. The next phase of the consultation will involve focus group meetings with groups facing barriers to access.



Louth LCSP Community Based Consultation Event in Blackrock Community Centre

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Mental Health Awareness Programme

Dundalk Sports Centre recently partnered with HSE Older Persons Services to deliver a successful six-week health and wellbeing programme, supported by Age Friendly Louth. The programme combined chair-based exercise, social tea and coffee and mental health awareness sessions delivered by a HSE Occupational Therapist and Mental Health Nurse, covering topics such as sleep, nutrition, social engagement and positive mental wellbeing.

The programme attracted excellent attendance throughout and concluded with a free Mental Health Awareness Talk for older adult members to mark World Mental Health Day.

Lourdes Stadium

Children with Disabilities HSE Programme
The Children with Disabilities HSE Programme returned for a 6-week block in the Lourdes Stadium on Thursday 1st October. This programme is filled with interactive games and exercises to promote physical activity and improve the development of fundamental movement of children with disabilities.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2026
Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach & volunteer education courses in October 2026.

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	8th October	Online
Safeguarding Level 3	15th October	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	22nd October	Online

Men on the Move 8-Week Programme Launched
Louth LSP's 8-week Men on the Move in conjunction with the HSE at Dundalk Sports Centre in Tallanstown and Stonetown commenced in October with between 25-30 men aged 35+ participating.

The Men on the Move Programme encourages men to get more active, have fun and improve their fitness levels through twice weekly activity sessions. The programme offers men the chance to learn and take part in safe, effective exercises tailored to suit their needs.

Participants should experience both physical and psychological benefits such as improved mood, increased energy, weight loss/control and improved mobility and greater functional fitness.

The twice weekly one-hour physical activity sessions focus on aerobic and strength exercises.



Men on the Move Programme in Stonetown



Men on the Move Programme in Tallanstown

Couch 2 5K Programme in Dundalk & Drogheda
In October, two new Couch to 5K programmes were launched in Dundalk and Drogheda, with the goal of encouraging participants to become more active and prepare for a local 5K run. These initiatives offer structured support to individuals as they train for their local Parkrun events and other recreational running activities.

These programmes are designed to promote fitness and community involvement, providing a welcoming and supportive environment for people of all fitness levels to achieve their running goals.



Couch 2 5K Participants in Drogheda



Couch 2 5K Participants in Dundalk

Her Moves Summit Sisters

Louth Sports Partnership in collaboration with Mountaineering Ireland, Coláiste Rís, Dundalk and St Marys (Marist), Dundalk, successfully delivered the Her Moves Summit Sisters Programme in October.

Participants had the opportunity to develop new skills both on and off the trail, taking part in sessions focused on map reading, hiking and jewellery making as part of the programme's creativity space.

The programme encouraged girls to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, connect with others and discover the many benefits of being active in the outdoors.



Her Moves Summit Sisters from St. Mary's School, Dundalk

Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Visit to the Netherlands

In October, ESF+ Officer Julie Duffy participated in an Erasmus+ Sport Staff Mobility project in The Hague, Netherlands. The visit formed part of a European learning mobility initiative designed to support knowledge exchange, job shadowing and the sharing of good practice among sport and community development professionals. Funded under the Erasmus+ Mobility of Staff in the Field of Sport programme, the project promotes grassroots sport through international collaboration and learning.

The host organisation, Laureus Sport for Good Netherlands, delivers the "Only You Determine Who You Are" programme, which uses sport as a tool for personal development, social inclusion, positive decision-making and crime prevention among young people. The programme is delivered in partnership with local sports clubs, communities and government agencies.

During the visit, participants attended presentations, observed football and basketball interventions and met representatives from the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security. These engagements provided valuable insight into how sport can support disadvantaged young people and improve life outcomes.

The experience highlighted the value of strong partnerships, evidence-based programme design and international collaboration. The learning gained will help inform the development of inclusive sport and physical activity initiatives in County Louth.



Ms. Julie Duffy, ESF+ Officer at the Erasmus+ Sport Mobility Project in The Hague, Netherlands

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 13th September – 12th October 2026 can be summarised as follows:

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

13th September to 12th October 2026	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	4	160	104	**268**
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	13	28	**41**
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	2	4	**6**
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	**0**
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	**4**	**175**	**136**	**315**

Tábla 2: Iarratais Íocaíocht Cúnaimh Tithíochta do Dhaoine Gan Dídean Próiseáilte /
Table 2 Homeless HAP Applications Processed

September 2026	11
Total for 2026	103

Tábla 3: Tithíocht ar dtús / Table 3 - Housing First

Number of tenancies established	57
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	36

Tables 4 - 7 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on 12th October 2026. Also included at Table 7 is the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 4: Inscne / Table 4: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	91
Female	53
Total	**144**

Tábla 5: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 5: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	22
25-44	74
45-64	44
65+	4
Total	**144**

Tábla 6: Saghas Loistín /
Table 6: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	35
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	109
Total unique individuals	**144**

Tábla 7: Teaghlaigh le paistí cleithiúnaí /
Table 7 - Families with dependent children

	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	18	22	34
Couples with dependent children	6	13	18
Total	**24**	**35**	**52**

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Deireadh Fómhair 2026 / Housing Allocations, October 2026

20th Sept 2026 – 19th October, 2026	LA	LA Refusals	AHB	AHB Refusals	Allocation YTD
Ardee	6	0	0	1	43
Drogheda	28	7	0	0	317
Dundalk	52	5	21	0	404
Total	**86**	**12**	**21**	**1**	**764**

Aistrithe / Transfers

20th September 2026 – 19th October, 2026	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	3
Dundalk	11
Total	**14**

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

As at 19th October, 2026	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	348	693	1120	2161
HAP Transfer List	252	704	1410	2366
Total Housing List	**600**	**1397**	**2530**	**4527**

There are **335** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **71** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíosa / Rent Management

Current Rents on 22nd October 2026	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	181	79,241
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	137	113,519
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	838	3,384,137
TOTAL	**1156**	**3,576,897**

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 October 2026:

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1st Reminder	October 2026	95
2nd Reminder	October 2026	48
Final Reminder	October 2026	20
Total issued		**163**

The total rental income received in 2026, to date, is **15,302,219.** This is a 9% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 (€14,673,916) and a 19% increase on 2024 (€13,281,013).

The total number of rent accounts currently paid by Household Budget is **939.**

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **41** new payment plans commenced in October 2026 (up to and including 22nd October 2026). There are currently **1065** households with an active repayment plan.

Airíonna Athligean & Neamhní /
Relet and Void Properties

Updated 20/10/2026

Relet / Void Properties on 20th October 2026	**Total**
Ardee Municipal District	3
Dundalk Municipal District	6
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	20
Total No. of Relet/Void Properties	**29**

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

Iarratais Cothabhála / Maintenance Requests

Maintenance	**23rd September 2026 – 20th October 2026**	**Total (YTD)**
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	1,085	9,941
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	975	8,731
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	64	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	46	579

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

Our finalised EERP allocation & funding for 2026 by DHLGH have been confirmed as 220 units. Four packages of works have now been appointed and are expected to commence imminently, and one further package is currently out for tender. Estates/streets where houses are expected to be included in this year's EERP are listed below.

Due to efficiencies in scale and careful property selection, additional units will be completed within the original funding allocation. At this juncture, it is expected that 303 units will be delivered under the EERP in 2026, subject to confirmation of final outturn at year end. Tenant engagement is ongoing in a small number of properties and numbers may still be subject to change.

No further units can be accommodated under this year's programme.

Municipal District
Ardee MD: Seaview, Annagassan=9 (Completed) De La Salle Terrace, Ardee=19 (Completed) Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown=4 (Completed) St. Mary's Court, Louth Village=1 (Completed) Ferdia Park, Ardee=1 (Completed) Sliabh Breagh, Ardee=1 (Onsite) Cherrywood Park, Tallanstown=2 (Completed) Rockfield Close, Ardee=1 (Onsite) Clonmore, Ardee=1(Onsite)
Dundalk MD: Aghameen Park=12 (Completed) Doolargy Avenue=38 (Completed) Castlehill, Carlingford=4 (Completed) Dundalk St, Carlingford=5 (Completed) Mayfield, Haggardstown=10 (Completed) Clooneevan, Haggardstown=10 (Completed) St. Fursey's Terrace Blackrock= 8(OPDs) (Onsite) Gort na Glaise=43 (Onsite) Lios Dubh=5 (Onsite)

Cooley Park, Dundalk=4 (Complete)
Barton Park=1 (Completed)
Woodview Park=1 (Completed)
Aisling Park=2 (Onsite)
Villas 1= 1(Completed)
Oldbridge=1 (Completed)
Churchview, Dromiskin= 20 (Completed)

Drogheda BD:

Moneymore=17(Completed)
Rathmullan Park=35 (Completed)
Marian Park=7 (Completed)
Scarlet Crescent=10 (Completed)
Acorn Way=1 (Completed)
Fr. O'Donnell Park=5 (Completed)
Flanagans Terrace=3 (Completed)
Beechwood Drive=1 (Completed)
Brickfields, Drogheda=9 (Completed)
Pitcher Hill, Drogheda=1 (Completed)
Chord Road=3 (Complete)
Platin Road= 1 (Onsite)



De la Salle Crescent, Ardee

Cothabháil Phleanáilte / Planned Maintenance

DHLGH has allocated Louth County Council €447,140 for 2026 for Planned Maintenance and Stock Condition Surveys. This funding is to aid transition from a primarily reactive–based approach to a more planned-based approach for maintenance of local authority housing stock. As part of this, DHLGH intends that the national stock of social housing units will be surveyed by Local Authorities over the next four to five years; in Louth, these surveys have commenced and are ongoing.

For 2026, the Planned Maintenance funding will be used to target replacement of windows and doors in houses that are not otherwise eligible for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (EERP). Procurement has been completed and works are expected to take place in October & November. A stock condition survey of the property is a mandatory requirement with this funding. A summary is provided, below.

Dundalk MD:

Mullaharlin Park= 24units

Drogheda BD:

Rathview Termonfeckin= 24 units.

Cigireachtaí ar Tithe Príobháideacha ar cíos / Private Rental Inspections

PRI Stats 2026

For 23rd September to 19th October 2026	October	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	104	1355
Advisory letters issued	81	1047
Improvement notices issued	5	31
Prohibition notices issued	0	6
Private Inspections	2	14
HAP First Inspections	42	392
RAS First Inspections	1	7
AHB First Inspections	10	408

Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	22
Private Re-inspections	1	10
HAP Re-inspections	39	376
RAS Re-inspections	0	7
AHB Re-inspections	9	105
SSA Re-inspections	0	5
Inspections from Complaints	0	9
Properties Made Compliant	9	136

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta /Tenancy Engagement

23rd September-20th October	**Drogheda**	**Ardee**	**Dundalk**	**Monthly Total**	**Yearly Total**
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	18	7	39	64	386
Post-tenancy inspections	18	6	22	46	407
Tenancy Investigation Visits	10	15	15	40	222

Anti-Social Behaviour

23rd September-20th October	**Drogheda**	**Ardee**	**Dundalk**	**Monthly**	**Yearly**
ASB Cases* Received	12	2	2	16	210
ASB cases Ongoing	6	1	12	19	-
ASB cases complete	13	2	8	23	196

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

23rd September -20th October	**Drogheda**	**Ardee**	**Dundalk**	**Monthly**	**Yearly**
Verbal Warnings	3	0	5	8	34
Written Tenancy Notifications	0	1	3	4	12
Tenancy Warnings Housing Act, 2014	0	0	0	0	3

Abandonment Notifications & Illegal Occupiers

Category	**Brief Description**	**Year to Date**
Section 15(1) Notifications Issued	Initial notice – tenant has **4 weeks** to make contact and confirm occupancy.	12
Section 15(2) Notifications Issued	Final notice – property reverts to **Council possession**	10
Properties Surrendered Following Tenancy Compliance Engagement	Voluntary surrender after compliance discussions.	0

Category	Brief Description	Year to Date
Illegal Occupants	Instances where properties were found to be occupied without lawful tenancy and action was taken in line with legislation.	11

Clár na dTithe Tosaigh/Starter Homes Programme (formally Affordable Housing)

The conveyancing processes for the Starter Homes Purchase schemes at St. Fursey's Park, Bayview and Bellfield Drive, all in Dundalk are still ongoing.

The application portal for Dowdall's Court is now closed with all applications fully assessed. It is expected that sales will finalise on approx. 10 units

Application for funding for a new Starter Homes Purchase scheme at Ushers Mill, Drogheda is currently with the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage for approval with advertising and application opening dates anticipated in the coming weeks.

Gnóthaithee/ Acquisitions

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

In October, the Council purchased three properties.



Property recently acquired in Dundalk



Property recently acquired in Dundalk for Disability



Property recently acquired in Drogheda for Disability

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

Active MTR Applications Total	36
AHB MTR Applications Active	5
AHB MTR completed 2026	6
Private MTR Applications Active	15
Private MTR completed 2026	10

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.

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil /
Local Authority Home Loans

2026 Budget Allocation	**€6,730,000**
LAHL Approvals at 16/10/2026	€2,815,310
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 16th October 2026	
Total Number of Applications 16/10/2026	37
LAHL carried over from 2025	4
Invalid/Returned	16
Approved	16
Declined	4
For Review	0
Outstanding – waiting on further information	5

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh /
Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	475
Approved:	352
Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	62
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	32
Funding Issued to Applicant	189
Principal Private Residence	342
Rental Applications	133
Vacant Grant Applications	230
Derelict top-up Applications	245

Réadmhaoin Fholamh. Deontas Athchóirithe: Athchóiriú ar Iarfhoirgneamh Tráchtála / Úsáide Poiblí / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Conversion of former Commercial / Public Use Building

Applications submitted	2
Approved	0
Rejected	0
Withdrawn	2
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	0

Deontas Folamh Os Cionn an tSiopa /
Vacant Above the Shop Grant

Applications submitted	4
Approved	0
Rejected	0
Withdrawn	1
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	3

Deontas Sainchomhairle le haghaidh /
Expert Advice Grant

Applications submitted	6
Approved	3
Rejected	2
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	1

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

The Grants Section is currently not accepting new grant applications, as it continues to prioritise the processing of existing applications already received.

At present, new applications will only be considered where a Priority 1 (emergency) medical need exists.

Priority 1 applications will continue to be accepted and assessed on a case-by-case basis, subject to the availability of funding.

In accordance with Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) guidelines, Priority 1 applications relate to cases where the applicant:

- Is terminally ill;
- Is primarily dependent on family members or a carer for support and care; or
- Requires adaptations to their home that would support their discharge from hospital or residential care and enable them to live independently at home.

The Housing Grants team will continue to process existing Housing Adaptation Grant (HAG) and Mobility Aids Grant (MAG) applications in order of priority, date received, and subject to the availability of funding.

Applicants who have already received grant approval are reminded to ensure that approved works are completed within the timeframe specified in their approval letter. Once the works have been completed, a completion certificate should be submitted to the Grants Section as soon as possible to facilitate payment and the finalisation of the grant process.

Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed



Stairlift completed in Drogheda with funding provided with a MAG



Bathroom Adaptation in Dundalk with funding provided with a HAG

Adaptations to Council Housing for Persons with a Disability

The Council carries out adaptations to Council properties to make them more suitable for tenants with a disability. The 2026 budget allocation has now been confirmed, totalling €838,610. This includes €754,749 (90%) in funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and €83,861 (10%) Louth County Council Contribution.

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 21/10/2026	104	6	124		234
Grants Approved 23/09/2026 – 21/10/2026	10	0	16	26	340

Works Appointed	37 minor adaptations	4 extension 3 modular extensions 1 extension funded under TAP
Of these Works onsite/ completed	32 minor adaptations	4 extensions/ 3 modular extensions/ 1 TAP extension.

Capital Housing Delivery

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

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	562	-	562
2026	175	331	226	557
Total	**1,323**	**1,923**	**226**	**2,149**

Current Approved Social Housing Delivery Units 2026 - 2030	
SHIP	608
CALF	241
CAS	40
TOTAL	**889**

Louth County Council Direct Building Housing Projects

In October, Louth County Council's direct build Social Housing Scheme in An Mullach, Louth Village was completed. The development consists of 58 no 2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes including a supported living home for four separate tenants. The supported living house will be managed by St. John of Gods. The houses were put on the Choice Based Letting portal in September and there was a strong demand for these homes which are all A-rated. Provisional offers have been made, and the houses will be allocated in November.



An Mullach, Mullavalley, Louth Village (LCC Direct Build of 58 Social Homes)

Social Homes delivery through Part V & Turnkey Acquisitions

In October, Louth County Council closed sales on number of Part V and Turnkey social houses acquisitions in Dundalk and Drogheda. This included houses in scheme such as Ushers Mill in Drogheda (7 units), Fitzgerald Gardens in Drogheda (13 units), Listoke Drive (6 units) and Listoke Wood in Drogheda (5 units), Seven Winds (24 Units) in Drogheda, The Chesters (3 units) in Drogheda on the Termonfeckin Road, and Lios Dubh (10 units) in Dundalk.

In November, the Council expects to close on sales on the final phase of Bruach Na Habhann (14 units) in Dundalk, St Furseys Gardens in Dundalk (7 units), and Bayview (5 units) on the Red Barns Road in Dundalk, and finally Gort Mell in Drogheda (13 units). The majority of these

homes will be advertised on the CBL portal in accordance with the Scheme of allocations.



Fitzgerald Gardens, Drogheda



Lios Dubh, Dundalk

A significant proportion of social homes will also be advertised on the CBL portal in November in Approved Housing Body Schemes in Hearthfield in Dundalk (30 no. apartments), Racecourse Road in Dundalk (19 units), St Furseys Gardens in Dundalk (24 units), and Avourwen in Drogheda (50 units)



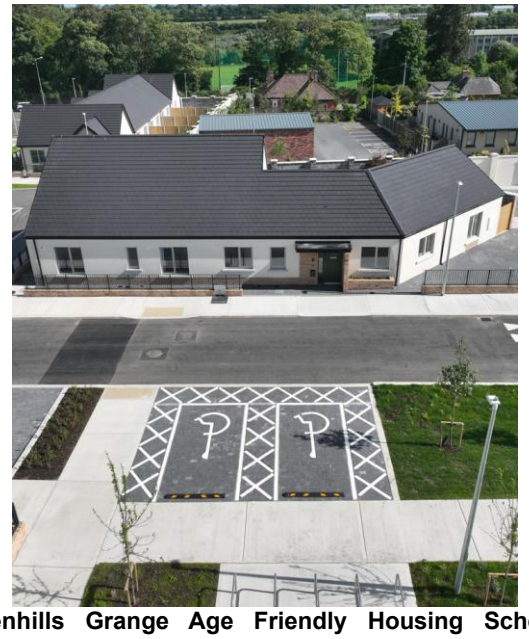
Tuath Housing Social Apartments at Hearthfield, Dundalk

Age Friendly Award for Greenhills Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme

The recently opened Greenhill's Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme received a National Age Friendly Achievement Award in the Housing Category. Judges from across the Country visited the estate in July where the scheme was showcased and attended by St John of Gods, Council staff and some of the new tenants. The allocations for the 45 no. 2 bedroom bungalows and supported living house is complete.



Greenhills Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme, Drogheda



Greenhills Grange Age Friendly Housing Scheme, Drogheda



Louth County Council representative at the National Age Friendly Awards 2026 in Limerick with Members of the Older Persons Committee (OPC), and Age Friendly Ireland

SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	2/2	41	On Site	28/02/2027	3 * 2 bed, 12 * 3 bed, 6 * 4 bed, 10 * 1 bed Apt, 10 * 3 bed Apt
Rathmullen Park, Drogheda Infill	1/1	4	Contract Awarded	30/09/2027	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	31/03/2027	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	Complete	22/10/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Anne St. Dundalk	1/1	16	Stage 1 Approved	31/03/2028	8 * 2 bed Apt, 8 * 3 bed Apt.
Ballymakenny Road - East Site, Drogheda	1/1	130	On-hold	31/12/2029	52 * 2 bed, 47 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed, 26 * 1 bed Apt
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk,	2/2	14	Complete	31/10/2026	6 * 4 bed, 4 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 3 bed duplex

Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	Complete	31/10/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	Complete	30/10/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda,	3/3	1	On-site	31/10/2026	1 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda,	3/4	2	Complete	30/09/2026	2 * 2 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda, Co. Louth	4/4	4	On-site	30/09/2026	4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda,	2/2	12	On-site	30/09/2027	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	8	Complete	01/07/2026	8 * 3 bed
Fitzgerald Gardens Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	13	Complete	31/08/2026	8 * 2 bed, 8 * 3 bed
Bayview Red Barns Road, Dundalk	1/1	4	On-site	30/11/2026	2 * 2 bed, 2 * 3 bed
St Furseys Gardens, Old Dublin Road, Dundalk	1/1	6	On-site	31/10/2026	6 * 2 bed Duplex Apartments
Ushers Mill (Ph 11 & 12), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	7	Complete	30/09/2026	5 * 3 bed House, 2 * 4 bed houses,
Ushers Mill (Ph 11 & 12), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	10	On site	30/11/2026	10 * 3 bed Houses
Ushers Mill (Ph 11 & 12), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	5	On-site	31/03/2026	5 * 3 bed Houses
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda,	3/3	9	On-site	30/11/2026	2 * 2 bed House, 1 * 3 bed house, 5 * 1 bed Duplex Apartments, 1 * 2 bed Duplex Apartments

Lios Dubh, Armagh Road, Dundalk	1/1	10	Complete	31/10/2026	7 * 2 bed House, 3 * 3 bed houses,
Listoke Wood, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	5	On-site	30/09/2026	5 * 3 bed houses
Listoke Wood, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/1	5	On-site	31/01/2026	2 * 2 bed House,1 * 3 bed houses, 1 * 4 bed house
Listoke Drive, Ballymakenny Road, Drogheda	1/2	6	Complete	30/11/2026	5 * 3 bed houses, 1 * 4 bed house
The Chesters, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda	1/1	3	Complete	20/10/2026	3 * 3 bed houses

Seachadadh CAS / CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type
Tierney Street, Ardee, Co Louth	**St John of Gods**	**7**	**Stage 3 Approved**	**31/03/2028**	**One*3 Bed house One*4 Bed house**
Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	**Dublin Simon**	**21**	**Stage 2 Approved**	**01/10/2028**	**Twenty-one* 1 Bed apartments**
Highfield, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	**Women's Aid Dundalk**	**12**	**On Site**	**31/05/2027**	**Five * 1 bed apartments Seven * 2 bed apartments**

Seachadadh CALF/ CALF Delivery

Project Name	Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Non-Part V/ Part V	Project Status	Projected Substantial Completion Date	Unit Type

Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Co. Louth Tuath	1/2	12	0	Complete	31/07/2026	• 6 Two Bed House • 6 Three Bed House
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	30/11/2026	• 18 One Bed Apt • 32 Two Bed Apt
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	2/2	30	0	Closing	31/10/2026	• 18 One Bed Apt • 12 Two Bed Apt
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth North & East	2/2	10	9/1	Closing	31/10/2026	• 2 Three bed Houses • 4 Two Bed Apts • 4 Three Bed Duplex
EdenHill Mews, Blackrock, Co Louth Cluid	1/1	29	26/3	On Site	30/11/2026	• 6 Three Bed Apt • 18 Two Bed Apt • 5 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadow, Racecourse Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth Circle	3/3	19	0	On Site	31/10/2026	• 10 Three Bed Houses • 9 Two Bed Apartments
St Furseys, Dublin Road, Dundalk Co. Louth Cluid	1/1	24	17/7	Closing	31/10/2026	• 24 Two Bed Apartments
Boat Trench Ardee Co. Louth North & East	1/3	8	4/4	Approved	01/04/2027	• 6 One Bed Bungalows • 2 Two bed Bungalows
Boat Trench Ardee Co. Louth North & East	2/3	11		Approved	31/10/2027	• 10 One Bed Bungalows • 1 Two Bed Bungalows

Boat Trench Ardee Co. Louth North & East	3/3	2		Approved	24/04/2028	• 2 One Bed Bungalows
Bayview, Red Barns Road Dundalk Co. Louth Cluid	1/1	33	28/5	Proposal	31/03/2027	• 18 One Bed Apartments • 15 Two Bed Apartments
16 Park Street, Dundalk Cooperative Housing	1/1	13		Proposal	30/11/2027	• 2 Studio Apartments • 5 One bed Apartments • 3 Two bed Apartments

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha /
Cultural Services

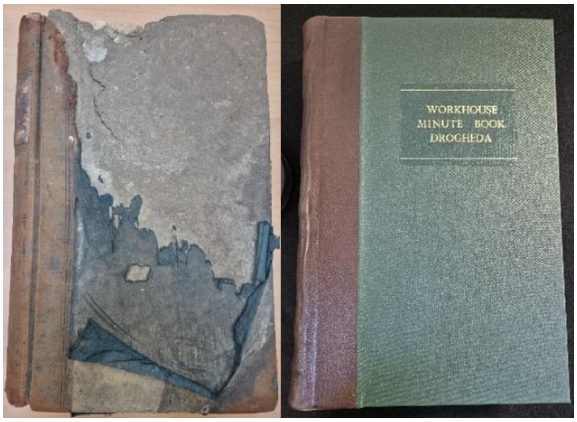
An Chartlann / Archives

Heritage Stewardship Fund
With the kind assistance of funding from the Heritage Council of Ireland, provided under the Heritage Stewardship Fund 2026, Louth County Archives arranged for conservation of several volumes in its poor law union archive collection.

Under the 1838 Poor Law Act, the country was divided into poor law unions, each with its own workhouse that was governed by a Board of Guardians. In Louth, there were three such unions at Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk.

Twelve minute books of weekly meetings for Drogheda and Dundalk poor law union have now had conservation treatment completed by a professional conservator. Work carried out included disbanding the volumes, cleaning, washing and sizing as required, rebinding, and page and spine repairs using Kozo Japanese repair paper and wheatstarch paste.

This treatment will support the permanent preservation of, and access by researchers and the public to an invaluable research resource.



Drogheda poor law union minute book, before and after conservation

Leabharlanna / Libraries

New Shelving for Dundalk library
The Library Service secured funding under 2026 Small-scale Capital Funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to refurbish the children's section in Dundalk library. The new furniture enhances the presentation of the collections, and creates a more accessible, comfortable, and welcoming space for children and families.



New Childrens' section shelving in Dundalk Library

Drogheda Cubbie Usage

The sensory Cubbie in Drogheda, installed in August 2026, is providing valuable support for Louth County Council Library Service neurodivergent and sensory-sensitive users. Since opening, 84% of sessions have been assessed as successful, with users reporting feeling calmer, happier and better regulated after use. The facility has averaged three users per day, with Wednesdays as the busiest day, accounting for over 50% of weekly use, demonstrating its value as an accessible community wellbeing resource.

Children's Book Festival

Louth Library Service celebrated Children's Book Festival 2025 in October with events promoting reading and literacy, including storytelling sessions with Niall de Búrca for school groups and a Dinosaur Pie and Comics workshop with Alan O'Rourke in Carlingford Library; promoting creativity and storytelling through comic creation.

Libraries hosted themed events including Winnie-the-Pooh centenary celebrations, Halloween Baby Book Clubs, themed storytimes, and arts and crafts sessions. Additional highlights included Julia Donaldson, Irish Myths and Fairytales, and Gruffalo storytime events across library branches.

Families also enjoyed Language Explorers with artist and illustrator Debora Adachi, a creative session celebrating languages, stories, art, music and play, while promoting cultural awareness and language development.

To mark World Dyslexia Day, libraries promoted dyslexia-friendly titles and literacy supports, including C-Pen readers, raising awareness of resources available to support readers with dyslexia.

The Schools Library Service visited Gaelscoil Dhún Dealgan, presenting Irish My Little Library bags to junior infants and delivering storytime sessions. Additional Children's Book Festival outreach took place with Happy Dayz Crèche, Footprints Preschool in Blackrock, and Philipstown Early Childcare in Dunleer, helping connect young children and their families with library services and literacy resources.

Adult Literacy Collaboration and Innovation Project

Louth County Council Library Service, in partnership with Louth Local Development, delivered an 'Online Safety for Parents' programme with Louth Traveller Movement. Funding came from the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Adult Literacy Collaboration and Innovation Fund. The programme developed digital and financial literacy skills, covering AI, online misinformation, online safety, and financial wellbeing.



Online Safety for Parents graduates and library staff with speaker Kathleen Murphy adult literacy champion

Family Literacy Workshop

The Louth and Meath Regional Literacy Coalition hosted a Family Literacy Workshop at CityNorth Hotel, attended by a number of library staff, with a presentation by Helen Walsh, Family Literacy Lead at Adult Literacy for Life (ALL), on supporting family literacy in communities and organisations.



Niamh McShane Louth and Meath Regional Literacy Coalition with Helen Walsh ALL Office with library staff from Meath and Louth

Climate Action Week
Halloween Costume Swaps in Drogheda and Dundalk Libraries promoted reuse and waste reduction during Climate Action Week, supported by book displays highlighting climate action and sustainability.

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Ferdia Festival was back for its second year on the Halloween weekend. Following the success of last year's inaugural festival, the committee programmed a spectacular 2 day festival this year featuring art workshops, aerial and street performers, storytelling and music events and much more. The weekend finished with a fire show spectacle in the park after a fantastic community parade of local children in their spooky costumes. The committee were thrilled with the support from the local businesses and elected reps and look forward to 2027!

Harp Day, on 17th October, saw a vast array of Louth Harpists performing right across the county. From small sessions in Droichead Arts Centre and Highlanes Gallery, to a gala concert in the Oriel Centre, as always Music Generation and the Louth Harp Ensemble excelled themselves throughout the day and the arts office were delighted to support them once again.

EU Cultural Programme
On 2nd October Highlanes Gallery were delighted to welcome H.E. Alma Ní Choigligh, Ireland's Ambassador to Portugal, and H.E. João Pedro de Vasconcelos Fins do Lago, Ambassador of Portugal to Ireland. Members of the youth Harp Ensemble with Music Generation provided a beautiful background of music and Dr Orla Fitzpatrick gave a short tour of the 'Picturing the Border' exhibition currently in the gallery, which focuses on partition and the north and has been programmed as part of our EU Cultural series. Director of Highlanes Gallery, Aoife Ruane also gave a short talk on the history of the gallery and the legacy of its gift to the people of Drogheda.



H.E João Pedro de Vasconcelos Fins do Lago, Ambassador of Portugal to Ireland speaking with members of the Louth Harp Ensemble in Highlanes Gallery

Our EU programme continued also with the start of our artist in residence in schools with renowned author Sadhbh Devlin. Sadhbh is collaborating with a number of schools across the county in October and November doing creative workshops around themes of the EU, as well as Irelands mythology and culture.

Coming up we still have our food festival in Drogheda and our closing event in December. For details on any remaining events under the Legendary Together programme please go the website https://louthartsoffice.ie/louth-eu-presidency-culture-program-legendary-together/

Creative Ireland
Most of our 2026 projects are now coming to a close. Our Age Friendly project had their film screen debut in October in An Táin Arts Centre while the annual Spooks Parade took place in Drogheda on Friday 23rd October. The mentoring and artist development programme held its final session in October with LEO colleagues and library staff are getting ready for the upcoming Louth Science Festival in November. We also have a new sensory garden project we are developing with a school in Drogheda which will begin work now in November.

For more information on the Creative Ireland programme www.creativeireland.ie/
Or email creativeireland@louthcoco.ie
For all information on the Arts Office programme please see www.louthartsoffice.ie or email arts@louthcoco.ie

An Iarsmalann / Museum

October has been a busy month at the Museum, with a programme of suitably scary mid-term film screenings, preparations for a Christmas exhibition of traditional toys, and the addition of the football boots worn by Steve Staunton at the 2002 World Cup. A new bespoke display case has also been installed to showcase the county's achievements in arts and sport.



A new addition to the exhibition - Steve Staunton's boots from the 2002 World Cup

Stiúrthóireacht na Mórthionscadal Caipitil agus Seachadadh Bonneagair
Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúrthóireacht seo freagrach as mórthionscadail chaipitil lena n-áirítear foirgnimh nua comhairle, bóithre, réimse poiblí, glasbhealaí, Taisteal Gníomhach, scéimeanna cosanta tuilte agus idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le soláthraithe fóntais náisiúnta. A luaithe a bheidh mórthionscadal beagnach curtha i gcrích, glacfaidh an Stiúrthóireacht 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)

Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (TCRIF)

St. Nicholas Quarter and Backlands Regeneration (Dundalk)

Following the completion of Phase 1 works at St. Nicholas Quarter, Dundalk, the design phase is approaching completion for Phase 2. BDP Ltd are the appointed consultant design team and a Pre-Part 8 public display briefing session was held for members of the Dundalk MD on 22nd September. The project went on public display on 29th September and will close for submissions on 10th November 2026. This phase of the project includes:

- New Multifunctional Community Building
- New public realm area to the south of St. Nicholas Church
- Refurbishment of the Peace Park
- 6 no. Age-friendly housing units on Linenhall St.
- New east-west connection along Meeting House Lane

This project has recently received an additional €5 million in funding through the TCRIF.



St. Nicholas Quarter Phase II project area

Westgate Vision

Following on from the successful funding application made to the TCRIF, LCC has commenced a tender process to appoint a team to undertake the detailed design phase. Once this phase is completed, character areas 1 (George's Square) and 2 (Medieval Wall) will proceed to construction.



Artist impression of St. George's Square, Drogheda

Park Street, Dundalk

LCC has been successful in attaining funding through the 'Project Development Measure' stream of the TCRIF to undertake a study of the Park Street area of Dundalk. This study will inform some of the potential next steps that could be taken towards rejuvenating the area.

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan (Dundalk)

The Longwalk Urban Framework Plan is approaching completion. This will form 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.

For project updates visit the Longwalk Urban regeneration Facebook page here https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Long-Walk

or email longwalkregeneration@tbla.eu

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

Under the **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Call 3 Programme**, Louth County Council continues to make strong progress in tackling vacancy and supporting the regeneration of towns and communities across the county. The Council is now in the final stages of disposing of its first CPO property under the programme at St. Kevin's, Carrickmacross Road, Dundalk following approval of the Section 183 Disposal by the elected members at the October Council meeting.

In addition, three further properties subject to the CPO process are approaching the vesting stage and are expected to be ready for sale before year end.

These outcomes demonstrate the effectiveness of the programme in bringing long-term vacant properties back into productive use, increasing

housing supply, supporting compact growth, and enhancing the built environment.

A mid year full review of all properties included in this programme has been completed, providing an updated and accurate assessment of progress to date and identifying priority actions for the period ahead. A summary of the review is outlined below:

Property Occupied	34
Refurbishment Works Ongoing	28
Activation Progressing*	26
Awaiting Engagement	17
Property Sold - Engagement Commenced with New Owner	8
Possible Direct Intervention by Council	11
Social Housing Project	2
SNQ Phase 2 Regeneration Project	1
CPO Complete	1
CPO Commenced	3
Pending CPO process Withdrawn following Action by Owner	2
TOTAL	**133**

* For Sale/Relet – 11, Planning Permission – 9, Refurbishment grant – 3, VHO Engagement - 3

Public engagement remains a key element of the initiative. Members of the public are encouraged to report vacant properties to the Vacant Homes Office and through the VacantHomes.ie website. This collaborative approach assists the Council in identifying vacant homes, advancing regeneration objectives, and ensuring that suitable properties are returned to beneficial use, contributing to the creation of vibrant and sustainable communities throughout County Louth.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (RRDF)

Dunleer – Energising the Community

A design team, led by Cooney Architects, has been appointed to this project. The design team are required to develop on the Dunleer Town Centre First Plan, and bring the project, which will focus on the Main Street and area adjacent to the train station, to planning completion. This project is funded under the RRDF funding stream.



Contract Signing with LCC and Cooney Architects for the Dunleer Energising the Community design phase

Living in Carlingford Visiting Carlingford

The heritage-led design consultants, Urban Agency, is currently working to finalise the detailed design in line with the Part 8 permission received. The project was submitted by the Council as an application under Call 6 (Capital Funding Round) of the recently closed Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

Ardee 2040

Turley Planning, the Design Team lead, has completed the planning pack and it was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in mid-December 2025.

An Coimisiún Pleanala - Ref: ACP-323972-25

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects

St Laurence's Gate Plaza, Drogheda

Archaeological investigations have now been completed at St. Laurence's Gate. The investigation programme has been developed in consultation with the National Monuments Service and is being carried out with the required Ministerial Consent.

The drawings for a new public plaza space are being finalised and will be displayed at a public information event in the coming weeks in advance of proceeding to Part 8 planning public display.

Play Spaces

An online briefing was held for members of the Dundalk Municipal District to introduce the proposed redevelopment of the lands owned by the Council at the Navvy Bank, Dundalk. The Part 8 proposals for the redevelopment of the Navvy Bank, Dundalk was on public display until the 12th August, and the deadline for submissions in relation to the project has now passed. The proposed redevelopment, which includes camper van parking, a playground and a car park, will be brought to the November meeting of the Dundalk MD for consideration.

Omeath

A design team from DWG has been appointed to develop a plan for the rejuvenation of the Omeath Playground and its surrounds. A second public consultation event took place on 16th September and feedback on the initial designs was very positive. The design team are currently working their way through the additional feedback received before preparing to bring the project to Part 8 in the coming months.

Merryweather Building, Dundalk

The proposed Merryweather Display Building, to be developed at the pumphouse at Meadow Grove, Dundalk, finished its period on public display on 13th October. The closing date for submissions under the Part 8 planning process was 27th October. Upon completion it is proposed that the building will display the Dundalk Fire Station Merryweather fire tender.

Capital Delivery Team

Funding streams

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2026 has been launched. The details of the scheme and an Expression of Interest form for communities who may wish to bring forward a project are available on the Council's consultation portal

A number of applications have been made under Measure 1 (Small-scale repair and maintenance) and the Project Development Measure streams of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). The outcomes of these applications are awaited. Applications will be made under measures 2 & 3 in December.

The outcomes of the funding applications made under the CLÁR (Cooley and Castlebellingham areas) and Síol (Fairgate and Westgate areas, Drogheda) are awaited.

The Capital Delivery Team is continuing to work with community groups around the county to deliver the various projects currently funded under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, CLÁR, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and Community Recognition Fund.

Boyne Greenway - North Bank

With the support of ORIS funding of €500,000, the Capital Delivery Team is finalizing plans for widening, resurfacing and relining of paths and installation of lighting along the North Bank of the Boyne Greenway in Drogheda. Phase 1 works are due to commence on site imminently.

The enhancement and extension of the Boyne Greenway support land-based outdoor recreation activities including walking, leisure cycling and running, and will deliver on the objectives set out in the Embracing Ireland's Outdoors strategy.

Clogherhead Cliff Walk

Work is continuing on the preliminary design of the Clogherhead Cliff Walk. A public information event in advance of the project being submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála took place on 30th September between Clogherhead Community Centre from 4pm to 7pm. This project is funded to planning approval through the Project Development Measure (PDM) of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS).

Nature-based Solutions

The Capital Delivery Team were granted €40,000 from LAWPRO under the River Basin Management Service Nature-based Solutions – Project Funding 2026. This funding will allow for the appointment of consultants for the design of two separate Nature Based Solutions projects in Dundalk and Drogheda. It is hoped that a funding application will be made to deliver the construction phase of these projects in 2027.

Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects



Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

The Town Centre First Plan will be officially launched later this year. The plan which has been designed in collaboration with Louth County Council, the local community and Town Team provides a pipeline of projects ranging from access and mobility to community uses. The plan builds upon opportunities presented through the towns coastal location and built heritage and Council will be exploring funding options for the various plans and schemes within the plan.

Rainwater Management Strategy

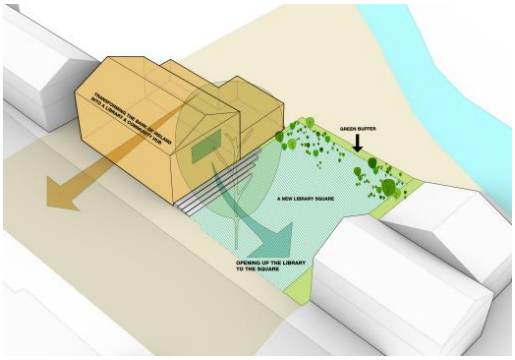
Louth County Council has appointed McCloy Consulting Ltd to develop a Rainwater Management Strategy report for the Towns of Clogherhead and Dunleer. A grant was awarded from The River Basin Management Service (LAWPRO) for the production of these reports. The purpose of the Strategies will be to identify opportunities for the incorporation of Nature Based Drainage Solutions into developments that will enhance the public realm, amenity, aid biodiversity and water quality in Clogherhead and in Dunleer.

Digital Town Blueprint

The Town Regeneration Office are commencing a Digital Town Review Workshops in the towns of Clogherhead and Dunleer. This review aims to identify strengths and gaps across several themes relating to Digital Connectivity, set practical goals and agree on key short- and medium-term steps to bring this vision to life. The date of the Digital Town Blueprint workshop for Clogherhead is TBC, the date for the workshop in Dunleer will be November 9th from 6pm to 9pm.

Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer

McKevitt King Architects are the appointed design team, leading the initial appraisal and survey work with regards to the development of a pocket public space beside Dunleer Library and the Whitewater River. The design team are developing high level options for consultation and engagement with Dunleer Town Team. The project will provide an attractive public space in the centre of the town that will serve the Towns expanding population and visitors alike. This project is one of the proposals from the Dunleer Town Centre First Plan.



Vacant Homes Officer

In collaboration with the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and Derelict Sites Teams, the Vacant Homes Officer continues to proactively engage with property owners across County Louth, promoting available funding support and interventions to assist in bringing vacant and derelict properties back into productive use to date the Grant has helped restore 189 Homes throughout Louth.

Forbairt Fhisiciúil / Physical Development

Tionscadail Bóithre / Roads Projects

Narrow Water Bridge

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

Southern embankment: - Demag 1250 tonne Crane has now been erected on site and commenced the install of the skid beams.

Fixed span erection: The pylon, deck 1 and deck 2 have all arrived at Warrenpoint Harbour. Works are ongoing to remove the sea fastenings from these components and install temporary supports for travel upstream to the site. Transport upstream must coincide with high tides and is weather depended.

Northern embankment: - works on the final wall pours within the bascule chamber and plant room are ongoing.

Bridge fabrication works: - The fabrication of the Bascule section of bridge is ongoing and is now expected to be completed and delivered to the site in October 2027.

The main construction work on the Narrow Water Bridge project is currently envisaged to be completed in Q4 2027 along with the commencement of testing and commissioning. Thereafter, the bridge is due to open in Q1 2028.



Deck 1 arrival, 31st of Oct



Pylon and Deck 2 arrival 20th of Oct.



Demag 1250t Crane

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

Works are progressing well on site and the Date of Substantial completion remains the Q3 2027.

A summary of the progress to date is listed below:

- Site Clearance – 47% complete
- Fencing - 27% complete
- Drainage – 35% complete
- Ducting – 7% complete
- Earthworks – 50% complete
- Accommodation works – 10% complete



Road Alignment formation at junction of the L-7120

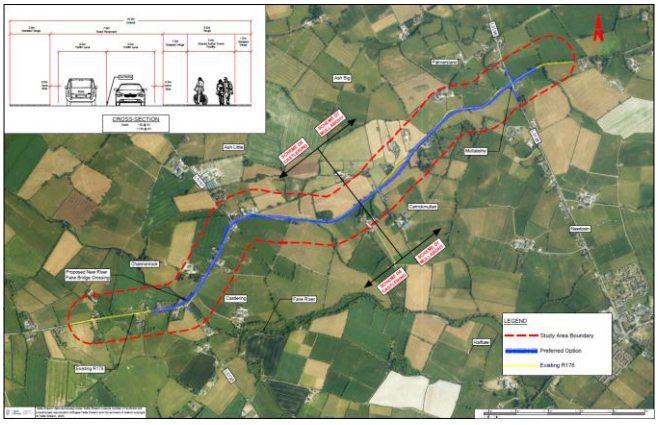
LCC, ER staff, design team and valuers are continuing to engage with the landowners, their agents, and all stakeholders on accommodation works, access and compensation.

N52 Ardee Bypass

LCC received notification on the 12th October 2026 that the Judicial Review proceedings have been officially withdrawn and the Court will not be making and further Orders.
The Council have sought approval from TII to recommence the project and progress the project to the next Phase(s) in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines.

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route

Improvement Scheme



Preferred Route

Preparation of Phase 3 Preliminary Design Drawings along with Drainage - Attenuation Basin Sizing & C3D Model is progressing along with Environmental Assessments, Mainline Network Design and Culvert Design. The review of findings of Pavement Surveys have allowed for the Full Pavement Design to be progressed. Design identification of all Lands required & assess Impacts, including Constructability Assessment is on-going.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is developer led, funded by Louth County Council. Works are currently progressing with approx. 60% complete to date. Pavement, kerbing and drainage works are continuing. Permanent fencing works have commenced. Substantial completion estimated to be end of January 2027.

The Council Team continue to engage with the affected and neighbouring landowners.



Protection slab over high-pressure gas main

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 3 (rail line section).

The Council was successful in securing acceptance into the HIIF programme for Phase 3 of PANCR.

Tender documents for the appointment of a consultant to progress the detailed design of Phase 3 are out to the market, and the tender period is due to close at 1200 on 2nd November.

Engagement is ongoing with Irish Rail regarding a scope of works for Irish rail to progress the design and construction of the rail bridge, with a view to finalising an Infrastructure Agreement.

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 4 (Termonfeckin Rd to the Baltray Rd.).

An application for funding has been made to the DoT to progress detail design on the remaining section of the PANCR.

TII Funded Park & Share Projects

The Council is currently engaging with TII in developing further Park and Share facilities, utilising TII funding, where there is clear safety risk demonstrated, i.e. where there is persistent informal roadside parking on and/or adjacent to the National Roads Network, which impacts the network.

The Council has identified four possible locations in Faughart (M1 Jn 18), Ardee (M1 Jn14), Dunleer (M1 Jn12) and Drogheda (M1 Jn10).

The Council have submitted draft feasibility reports on these locations to TII.

TII defines these Park and Share facilities as purpose-built parking facilities in areas adjacent to the National Roads Network, that enable the sharing of private vehicles for travel to onward locations and may also facilitate safe access to bus services.

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

Letters were sent on Wednesday 21st October 2026 via post, to landowners whose holdings have been identified as being located within the Preferred Route Corridor and landowners whose holdings are in close proximity to it, based on Tailte Éireann Land Registry information and feedback received as part of the consultation process, and were delivered on the 28th October 2026. The project website was updated to notify of delay in letters being received and next steps.

The Preferred Route Corridor and Options Report, together with the Public Consultation No. 3 Feedback Report will be published on the project website at 12:00pm on 2nd November 2026, where information on the Option Selection Process, Preferred Route Corridor, including an interactive map, will be available to view.

An online information briefing for elected members will be held on Monday 2nd November 2026.

The project has received approval from TII to move from Phase 2 – Options Selection into Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation.

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dominican Church/Library

The preferred option has been approved by management, and a briefing was given to the Drogheda Elected Members in mid-October. The Architectural Design Team have been instructed to proceed to Stage (ii a) Preliminary Design.



Mock up of the preferred double Mezzanine Option.

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

Part 8 was approved at the October MD meeting, so project has progressed to detailed design. SAQ Stage 1 documentation shall be advertised by end of October to put together list of contractors who will be invited to submit prices for stage 2.

Ardee Castle

Archaeological Investigations within the footprint of the new extension are now completed in full and submission has been made to NMS seeking consent to approve with new piling foundation design and protection measures to archaeological discovery. NMS have indicated consent will be issued before end of October. The piling contractor is due to commence onsite mid-November upon receipt of NMS approval. External facade of Castle has been fully cleaned with some areas having been repointed.



Tower – Masonry clean and fungicide complete



Tower – Front façade repointed, cleaned and decorated

THRIVE –Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme - West Gate House

National Monuments Department has requested additional exploration work to be carried out along part of the 'old' wall located under West Gate House. Ministerial Consent addendum has been requested by Design Team Project Archaeologist to allow progression of these works. Prices have been requested with award by month ending and LCC expect works to be undertaken in November.

The Design Team have completed their final design freeze to allow completion of the detailed design stage. Fire and DAC Certs drafted for submission. SAQ Stage 1 documentation shall be advertised by end of October to put together list of contractors who will be invited to submit prices for stage 2 early in new year.

THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 21-27. Further information is available on the www.southernassembly.ie



Additional roof repairs – West Gate House



Additional roof repairs – West Gate House

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

Dundalk Flood Relief Projects

The Dundalk Flood Relief Scheme continues to advance through Stage I. The Draft Options Development Report has been considered by the Steering Group, and review comments have been submitted to the Consulting Engineers for response and further development of the report.

Environmental surveys are ongoing in support of scheme development, with the 2026/27 breeding bird survey currently being undertaken on site.

The Steering Group continues to oversee scheme development and review key project deliverables. The Project website being hosted by OPW can be reached at:

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

Drogheda and Baltray Flood Relief Scheme

The Drogheda & Baltray Flood Relief Scheme continues to progress through Stage 1. The Options Development Report is currently undergoing a second-stage review by the Steering Group, with comments being collated to support the refinement and finalisation of the report.

Environmental and heritage investigations are continuing to support scheme development and future statutory approvals. Intertidal, terrestrial habitat and species surveys remain ongoing to further inform the environmental baseline, while preparations for archaeological test trenching and the progression of associated licensing requirements are well advanced.

The Steering Group has appointed a specialist Conservation Architect to advise on the integration of flood protection measures within the area's historic and architectural setting. This will help ensure that heritage considerations are appropriately incorporated into the development and assessment of flood relief options as the scheme progresses.

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 Carlingford Flood Relief Scheme continues to progress, with the OPW currently finalising the hydraulic model for the area to reflect the flooding experienced in 2023. Upon completion, the updated model will inform a revised business case for the scheme.

Detailed design of the culvert upgrade works in central Carlingford, being delivered in conjunction with the public realm scheme, is progressing following OPW approval of the funding business case in March 2026.

A further business case is currently being prepared for interim improvement works to the watercourse at the rear of the Four Seasons Hotel. Associated site investigation works are scheduled to commence shortly and will inform the development and design of the proposed measures.

Ardee Minor Works

The proposed works to provide enhanced flood protection to properties along the existing watercourses at Stoney Lane and John Street are scheduled to commence in Q4.

Works adjacent to the N2 have commenced following detailed assessments undertaken by the OPW and LCC. All necessary environmental and ecological surveys have now been completed, with the findings incorporated into the scheme design as appropriate.

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects

Coastal Protection Works – Future Projects

Funding applications under the OPW Minor Works Programme are currently being prepared for submission later this year. A meeting has been scheduled with the OPW to finalise the applications prior to submission:

- Ballagan, Ballynamony, Greenore;
- Rampark, Lordship;
- Whitestown;
- Seabank, Castlebellingham.

Active Travel Investment Program

2026 Budget Allocation

On the 19th January 2026, the Council received an allocation of €4m for Active Travel and Safe Routes to School projects and €500k for the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (delivered through Operations). The National Transport Authority (NTA) has indicated an annual Active Travel allocation of circa €4m for the next number of years.

The programme and extent of works to be delivered under Active Travel in the short term has accordingly been revised to reflect the reduced annual allocation.

Project funding is approved through defined phases under the NTA Project Approval Guidelines. Approval at any one phase does not constitute a commitment by the NTA to fund beyond that stage.

The seven different phases are as outlined below:

Phase 1: Scope and Purpose

Phase 2: Concept Development &Option Selection

Phase 3: Preliminary Design

Phase 4: Statutory Processes

Phase 5: Detailed Design and Procurement

Phase 6: Construction and Implementation

Phase 7: Close-out and Review

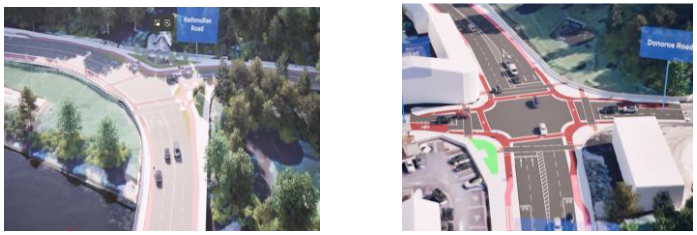
The current status of the ongoing Active Travel projects are as outlined in the table below. For ease of referencing, the NTA allocate projects into particular Cost Bands depending on the total estimated project cost including, fees, land acquisitions and constructions as follows;

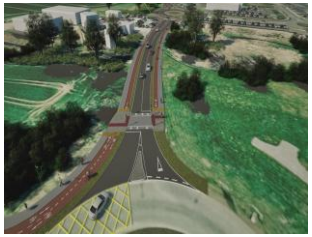
Band 1 €0 - €5M;

Band 2 €5 - €20M;

Band 3 > €20M.

Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	November 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
Drogheda: R132, Bridge of Peace to Train Station (incorporating Marsh Road)	€30,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	At the end of May 2026, the NTA gave approval to LCC to advance this scheme to Part 8 Public Display as per Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Proposals for the Active Travel Scheme were placed on public display from Tuesday 21st July to Tuesday 18th August 2026 inclusive at the offices of LCC in Drogheda and Dundalk. Submissions / observations were welcomed up to the deadline of 1st September 2026. The Design Team & Active Travel Section have reviewed all submissions received as per the Part 8 Consultation Process. The Planners Part 8 Report and the Chief Executive's Report was placed on the Agenda of the Borough District of Drogheda Meeting in November 2026.  Photo montage of Rathmullan Rd & Donore Rd Junctions Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 process.	Part 8 approved November 2026
Drogheda: R166 Termonfeckin Rd, design.	€37,500	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	The Design Team have finalised all Planning Documents i.e. Part 8 Proposals at the end of June 2026 and have also prepared the video fly-through of the scheme for public display. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme with Drogheda Municipal District Councillors by end of November 2026, with the intention to proceed to Part 8 public display shortly afterwards. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process.	Proposed Part 8 Q4 2026
Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Hill of Rath	€45,000	Band 2	Phase 4	The Design Team have finalised all Planning Documents i.e. Part 8 Proposals inclusive of the video fly-through and LCC social media of the scheme for public display.	Part 8 display October 2026.

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Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.		€5 - €20M		An on-line briefing was given to Drogheda Municipal District Councillors on the proposed scheme on Tuesday 29th September 2026 and the proposals were advertised and placed on public display on Tuesday 27th October 2026.   Montage of Hill of Rath Roundabout and view along R166 from Rosehalll Roundabout westwards. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process.	
Drogheda: Phase 1 Rathmullan Road including Marley's Lane	€550,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5	The Design Team have completed the Draft Tender Package for Phase 1, namely Marley's Lane Section inclusive of section in front of St. Olivers Community Colleges on Rathmullan Rd. To accord with NTA approval protocols, the Tender Package has also been Peer Reviewed and the Design Team have made the necessary amendments to the tender documents and cost estimates. It is anticipated to publish the tender for the civil works contract in early Q4 2026, subject to NTA approval.  Montage in front of St. Olivers Community College.	Part 8 approved February 2025.
Drogheda R132 North Road.	€10,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 4	The Design Team have finalised all Planning Documents and have also prepared the video fly-through of the scheme for public display. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme with Drogheda	December 2026

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	November 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
				Municipal District Councillors in the coming month, with the intention to proceed to Part 8 public display shortly afterwards. Due to budgetary limitations, these projects will be suspended at their Current Phase until further notice.	
Dundalk: R132 Inner Relief Rd.	€800,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5 Detailed Design	Due to budgetary limitations, **the Xerox Junction upgrade (Phase 1) only** will be brought forward as a standalone project, (due to its key position linking 3 projects). At the start of June 2026, the Tender Package for Phase 1 was finalised. To accord with NTA approval protocols the Tender Package has been Peer Reviewed and the Tender Documents / Gateway 5 Deliverables issued to the NTA to seek approval to advance the procurement for a suitable contractor.	Part 8 Approval already granted
Dundalk: Dublin Rd Xerox Junction to Ladywell Bridge	€2,500	Band 2 €5-€20m	Phase 4	Part 8 proposals were brought to Dundalk MD Meeting on 10th December 2024. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Part 8 approved December 2024
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€110,000	Band 2	Phase 4	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to expedite the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure only on McEntee Avenue etc., with the larger Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice. It is anticipated that On-Line Briefing on the SRTS Infrastructure will be given to Dundalk MD Councillors in late Nov 2026	Proposed Part 8 / Section 38 for SRTS Infrastructure Dec 2026.
Drogheda Local Transport Plan	-	-	Phase 3	The Transport Consultants (Systra Ltd) have prepared the final Draft of Drogheda Local Transport Plan and The Active Travel Team in LCC along with our colleagues in the NTA and Meath County Council. Systra gave a briefing to the Elected Members of Drogheda MD, Laytown-Bettystown MD & Louth / Meath TDs & Senators on the 7th October 2026. The Briefing Notes of the presentation were issued to members following the meeting. The next phase will involve incorporation of feedback into the report and meeting with key stakeholders, followed by a public consultation on the Draft Report.	N/A
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€25,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Phase 3 Preliminary Design was approved by the NTA on the 10th July 2026. The Design Team are currently preparing Phase 4A deliverables for a Section 38 Public Display. In advance of public display an on-line briefing will be given to Dundalk MD Councillors.	No part 8 but possible Section 38 in Q4 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	November 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
				 Photo Montage of Tain Bridge / Racecourse Road Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Section 38 process.	
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€20,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	The Part 8 for this scheme was adopted / approved at Dundalk MD meeting on Tuesday 1st September 2026.   Photo Montage of Hoey's Lane Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Part 8 approved September 2026
Mill Street, Dundalk	€65,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to design the Safe Routes to School element of this project for Mill Street, to facilitate Realt Na Mara National School and Louth Rehab in Quay Side Business Park, with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice. For the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) element on Mill Street, the NTA approved GW 3 deliverables on the 13th May 2026. The Design Team have completed the Section 38 Drawings in mid-September 2026, and it is planned to have an on-line briefing will be given to Dundalk MD Councillors in November 2026 in advance of placing the proposals on Section 38 Public Display.	Proposed Section 38 for SRTS Infrastructure in early Q4 2026.

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Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€15,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Gateway 3 was approved by NTA on the 13th April 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	
R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€30,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 5	Part 8 CE Report was proposed and recommended at Dundalk MD Meeting in April 2026. It is intended to bring sections, namely Sextons Junction forward to Detailed Design. The Tender Package was concluded at the end of October 2026, to seek approval from the NTA to advance with procuring contractors for the works / upgrades at Sextons Junction.  Photo Montage of Proposed Sextons Junction Upgrade	Part 8 approved April 2026
Moneymore permeability link Active Travel elements`	€1,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 5	An Coimisiún Pleanála approved the CPO Order at the end of Feb 2026. Notice to Treat Letters were issued on the 8th June 2026. The Active Travel Team will now proceed to Issue Tender Documents for the appointment of a contractor to construct the Permeability Link.	N/A
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1.Bellurgan National School	€1,825,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Street Lighting and Traffic Signals are now operational in Bellurgan with the vertical defelectins now installed.  Traffic Management for Pedestrian crossing works.	Section 38s completed

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2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge 4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk				Construction works are completed at Callystown National School. Snagging was completed w/e 25th October 2026. Road surfacing works, installation of bollards and activation of streetlights and signals will take place in November 2026. The scheme is currently at preliminary design, and it is planned to publish a Section 38 in December 2026.	
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 3) 1.SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown, Dunleer 2. Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Kilcurry 3.Mullaghboy NS.	€66,500	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	NTA approved the combined Gateway 2/3 reports for SN Chaoimhin Naofa, Philipstown and Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Kilcurry on the 10th July 2026. Dundalk and Ardee MD Councillors received a briefing on the 8th October 2026. The Section 38 proposals were displayed on 13th October 2026 with deadline for submissions / observations closing on the 27th October 2026.. Mullaghbuoy NS – Contractor commenced works on site in October and works to be completed in November 2026.	Mid Q4 2026
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 4) 1. Dromiskin Mixed School) 2. Marymount NS 3. Scoil Mhuire na nGael 4. Tallanstown NS	€10,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	An Taisce at the end of September furnished LCC with the Outline Delivery Plans for all four schools. LCC Active Travel Team have now commenced the procurement process for the appointment of a Design Consultant for all four schools in SRTS Round 4. It is anticipated that the successful Design Consultants will be appointed in January 2027.	No part 8's required but possible Section 38's.
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 5) 1. Sacred Heart School Drogheda	N/A	1	2	On the 8th October 2026, Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien, announced that three schools in County Louth will be included in SRTS Round 5.	No part 8's required but possible Section 38's.

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	November 2026 - Project update	Anticipated Part 8 Completions, subject to NTA approval of Gateways
2. St Mochta's NS, Louth Village 3. Monksland NS					
Mobility Hubs	N/A	N/A	N/A	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. Part 8 Documentation was placed on public display on 3rd February 2026 and deadline for submissions expired on Wednesday 18th March 2026. 120 submissions have been received.  The Chief Executives Part 8 Report was recommended to the members at Dundalk MD Meeting on 12th May 2026. Please note the Government has decided to review funding for public e-scooter schemes. In light of this development the overall pilots across the country are being reevaluated.	Part 8 Approved May 2026 (with amendments as resolved)