

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



Dated: 7th July 2026



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Tuairisc Bhainistíochta Mhíosúil an Príomhfheidhmeannach – 30ú Meitheamh 2026

Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report – 30th June 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 June 2026, detailing activities, updates, and progress across various departments of Louth County Council.

Here is a summary of some key achievements and actions from the Chief Executive Report by Directorate for June 2026:

1. Finance and System Support Directorate

- Expenditure to 30 June 2026 was €89.2m (44% of annual budget),
Income to 30 June 2026 was €93.9m (46% of annual budget).
- 805 IT support calls logged in June; 87% resolved the new help Desk Portal launched.
- 15% of inbound emails flagged as potentially harmful.
- Website engagement remains strong, with planning and housing among the most accessed sections.
- Cybersecurity training focused on phishing awareness.

2. Economic Delivery Directorate

- Louth Economic Forum met to discuss county economic profile.
- Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme open until October 2026.
- Louth Tourism Strategy 2026- 2031 launched, aiming to position Louth as a leading sustainable tourism destination.
- Supported diverse evening events, Pride programmes, and late-night museum/gallery access.
- Hosted international delegations, launched Digitise Drogheda workshops and supported female entrepreneurship.
- 105 planning applications received, 92 were valid; 73 determined, with 10.96% refusal rate.
- Dangerous structures: 16 files opened April–June; 11 entered on register.
- Proposed variation to County Development Plan to align with national Guidelines- Variation No. 4.

3. Operations & Environment Delivery Directorate

- Extensive road repairs, drainage, footpath upgrades, and maintenance across Louth.
- Ongoing litter picking, bin emptying, and illegal dumping clean-ups.
- 160 litter investigations, 44 fines issued, 137 waste complaints YTD.
- Anti-Dumping Initiative funded for mattress/sofa amnesties and alley clean-ups.
- Water, air, and noise pollution complaints investigated; farm and discharge inspections ongoing.
- €651k allocated to 17 community climate projects.
- Meadow Magic biodiversity project recognized nationally.
- Council animal compound now nearly zero energy; distributed solar farm rollout underway.
- 30 dogs through the pound in June; 505 dog licences sold to June.
- 652 incidents YTD; ongoing training and new equipment procurement.

4. HR, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

- 16,331 customer queries in June; 68% resolved at first contact.
- Age Friendly initiatives, drama classes, and garden care projects ongoing.
- Comhairle na nÓg and youth cross-border events held.
- LEADER project funding approved for community projects.
- Blue Flag beach season launched; Louth in Bloom competition underway.
- Contracts signed for restorative justice and community inclusion projects.

- Refugee Week celebrated with multicultural events.
- Community Safety Partnership held cross-border safety meeting.
- Active ageing assessments, Special Olympics training, and inclusive sports programmes delivered.

5. Housing & Culture Delivery Directorate

- 305 people presented as homeless in June; 42 placed in emergency accommodation.
- 48 local authority and 12 AHB allocations in June; 4,735 on housing list
- Rent arrears at €3.76m; 245 reminder letters issued in June.
- 51 relet/void properties; 802 maintenance requests received, 719 completed.
- 220 units allocated for energy retrofit; planned maintenance and window/door replacements scheduled.
- Housing grants paused due to high demand; emergency applications still processed.
- Affordable housing schemes and acquisitions ongoing.
- Social housing build delivery: 1,078 units expected, with 461 projected for 2026.
- Archives received new historical donations; libraries delivered literacy and digital skills programmes.
- Arts: Public art commissions, exhibitions, and night-time cultural events ongoing.
- Museum: Hosted school workshops and public lectures; strategy development underway.

6. Major Capital Projects & Infrastructure Delivery Directorate

- Awaiting funding decisions for Drogheda and Dundalk regeneration projects.
- Progress on St. Nicholas Quarter, Longwalk Urban Framework, and property vacancy initiatives.
- Major road projects: Narrow Water Bridge, N53, N52 Ardee Bypass, Boyne Link Road, and PANCR progressing.
- Greenways: Dundalk Bay to Carlingford route public consultation completed.
- Corporate projects: Dominican Church/Library and Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre in design/planning.
- Ardee Castle restoration and THRIVE heritage projects underway.
- Dundalk, Drogheda, Carlingford, and Ardee flood relief schemes advancing.
- Coastal protection works at Drummullagh, Bellurgan, and Ballagan.
- Ardee Educate Together NS nearing completion.
- Active Travel projects funded for 2026; several school safety and mobility projects in progress.

Again I would like to conclude by expressing my sincere appreciation for the exceptional commitment, resilience, and professionalism demonstrated by the entire Louth County Council team.

I encourage all members to read the report in full, which reflects the breadth, depth and impact of the remarkable work carried out across the organisation.

Regards



David Conway
Chief Executive
Louth County Council

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An Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Tacaíochta Córais Finance and System Support Directorate

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

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

Bernadette Woods
Stiúrthóir / Director



Tuairiscí Airgeadais / Financial Reports**Caiteachas go dtí 30^ú Meitheamh 2026 / Expenditure to 30th of June 2026**

Rannóg / Section	Actual Expenditure to 30/06/2026 / Caiteachas Iarbhír go dtí 30/06/2026	Caiteachas Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Expenditure 2026	% Caite go 30/06/2026 / % Spent to 30/06/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€40,310,258	€91,043,877	44%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€13,674,256	€29,724,225	46%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€2,894,024	€6,253,179	46%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€9,501,497	€25,275,969	38%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€11,951,952	€26,717,755	45%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€5,434,128	€13,508,055	40%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€444,037	€1,342,504	33%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€4,978,329	€9,786,701	51%
	€89,188,481	€203,652,265	44%

Ioncam go 30^ú Meitheamh 2026 / Income to 30th of June 2026

Rannóg / Section	Ioncam Iarbhír go dtí 30/06/2026 / Actual Income to 30/06/2026	Ioncam Buiséadaithe 2026 / Budget Income 2026	% Sonraisc Curtha do dtí 30/06/2026 / % Invoiced to 30/06/2026
Tithíocht / Housing	€37,414,190	€91,667,227	41%
Iompar Bóthair agus Sábháilteacht / Road Transportation & Safety	€3,300,893	€17,228,704	19%
Seirbhísí Uisce / Water Services	€1,320,522	€4,864,078	27%
Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management	€74,036,909	€13,604,272	30%
Seirbhísí Timpeallachta / Environmental Services	€1,502,457	€4,843,340	31%
Áineas agus Conláiste / Recreation and Amenity	€566,865	€1,971,310	29%
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas / Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€185,032	€474,809	39%
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€1,947,732	€17,390,895	11%
Rátaí / Rates	€39,680,186	€39,640,432	100%
Deontas Ilfheidhmeach / General Purpose Grant (LPT)	€3,988,733	€11,966,198	33%
	€93,943,519	€203,652,265	46%

The above is the current position as of the 30th of June 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 June 2026 are as follows:

Féichiúnaithe mar atá 30^ú Meitheamh 2026 / Debtors as of 30th of June 2026

	Iarmhéid Tosaigh / Opening Balance	Sonraisc / Invoices	Fáltais / Receipts	Díscríobhanna / Write Offs	Iarmhéid Deiridh / Closing Balance
Féichiúnaithe Rialtais / Government Debtors	€11,388,113	€114,975,514	(€120,908,201)	(€Nil)	€5,455,426
Uadaráis Áitiúla Eile / Other Local Authorities	€229,656	€1,068,484	(€1,220,399)	(€Nil)	€77,741
Rataí / Rates	€5,273,449	€39,680,186	(€26,78,334)	(€781,606)	€17,193,695
Cíosanna / Rent	€3,368,616	€9,127,035	(€9,258,026)	(€23,201)	€3,214,424
Iasachtal / Loans	€273,054	€1,130,727	(€1,156,512)	(€Nil)	€247,269
Tobhaigh Forbartha / Development Levies	€6,998,721	€4,881,001	(€822,831)*	(€1,239,463)	€9,817,428
Táilí Seirbhíse Dóiteáin / Fire Charges	€934,463	€414,963	(€338,860)	(€Nil)	€1,010,566
Ilghnéitheach / Miscellaneous	€2,970,672	€4,174,385	(€3,240,212)	(€34,422)	€3,870,423
Féichiúnaithe Iomlána / Total Debtors	€31,436,744	€175,452,295	(€163,923,375)	(€2,078,692)	€40,886,972

Above are the debtor balances as of 30th of June 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 Govt Waiver to the Department.

The report will go to you, the members, at the September meeting where you can decide to set a local adjustment factor within the range of +25% to – 15% of the basic rate or may decide not to adjust the basic rate. If the rate is varied upwards 100% of the additional income will be available for the authority's own use. Similarly, if the rate is varied downwards the loss of income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.

Budget 2027 - Local Property Tax (LPT) Public Consultation

The budget process for 2027 will begin shortly with the advertising of the Local Property Tax Public Consultation in July. The deadline for submissions from the public is Friday 21st of August 2026.

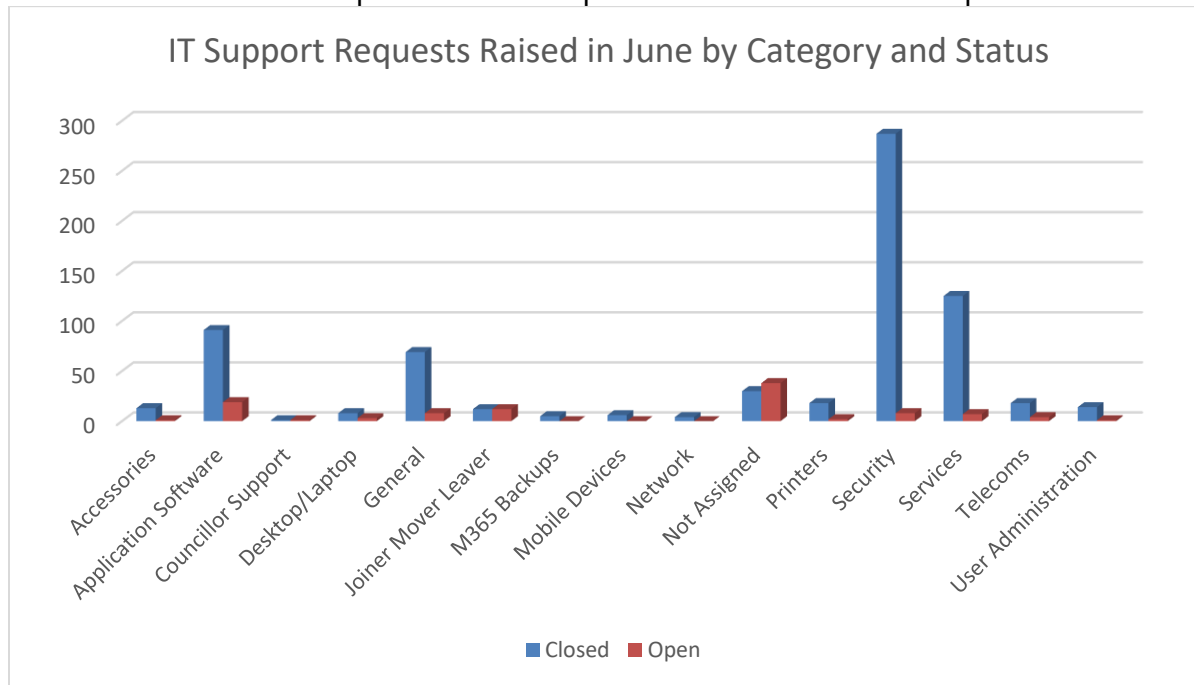
Budget Workshop

We are proposing to hold a budget workshop for the members in September. Confirmation of the dates will issue shortly.

Techneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide / Information & Communication Technology

Deasc Chabhrach / Helpdesk

Between 01/06/2026 and the 29/06/2026 there were 805 support calls logged in the IT support system. 87% of these calls have been completed. The IT Department launched a new Help Desk Portal for staff in June.



Security and Services were the highest categories of support requests in June.

Córas Idirscartha Ríomhphoist / E-Mail Filtering System

Louth County Council continues to be targeted with phishing, and spam e-mail. We utilise an e-mail filtering system to scan all e-mail being received into the organisation. From 01/06/2026 – 29/06/2026 15% of inbound e-mails were identified as potentially harmful.

Inbound Email count	Emails Processed by Gateway	Emails Processed by Protect
 458,934	 169,730	 289,204
Blocked Sender	Blocked at gateway	Total blocked by spam/virus
 7,151	 22,554	 37,647
Blocked by content rules	Potentially harmful emails	Deleted by Protect
 886	 14.9%	 0

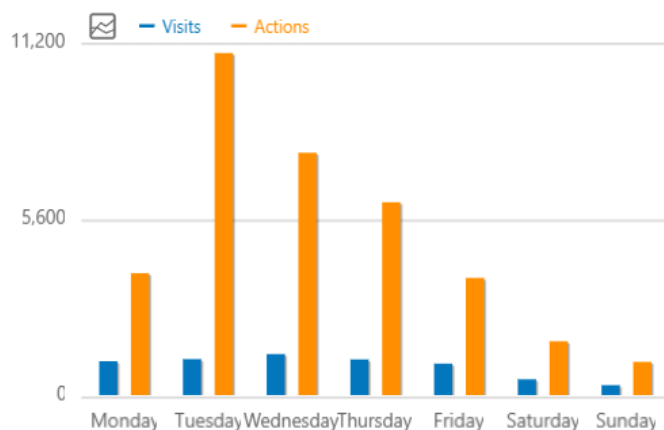
Suíomh Gréasáin Comhairle Chontae Lú / Louth County Council Website

There was continued strong engagement with www.louthcoco.ie during June 2026. The table below outlines the pages which received the highest number of views during the month. Online Planning and Maps, Services, Library, Planning, Dog Pound, and Housing continued to feature prominently among the most accessed sections of the site, reflecting the key services most frequently used by the public.

Page URL	Pageviews	Unique Pageviews
/en/	7.9% 2,332	1,933
/louth_county_council/recent_press_re...	4.8% 1,417	1,415
/louth_county_council/latest-news/ - ...	4.7% 1,396	1,390
/en/services/planning/online-plan...	4.4% 1,313	1,007
/en/services/library/	2% 598	399
/en/services/housing/affordable-p...	1.8% 521	388
/	1.7% 518	373
/en/services/planning/	1.5% 460	364
/en/services/dog-pound/	1.6% 461	314
/en/contact/louth-county-council/	1.1% 335	288
/en/services/	1.3% 372	282
/en/home/	1.1% 336	280
/en/services/housing/	1.2% 342	256

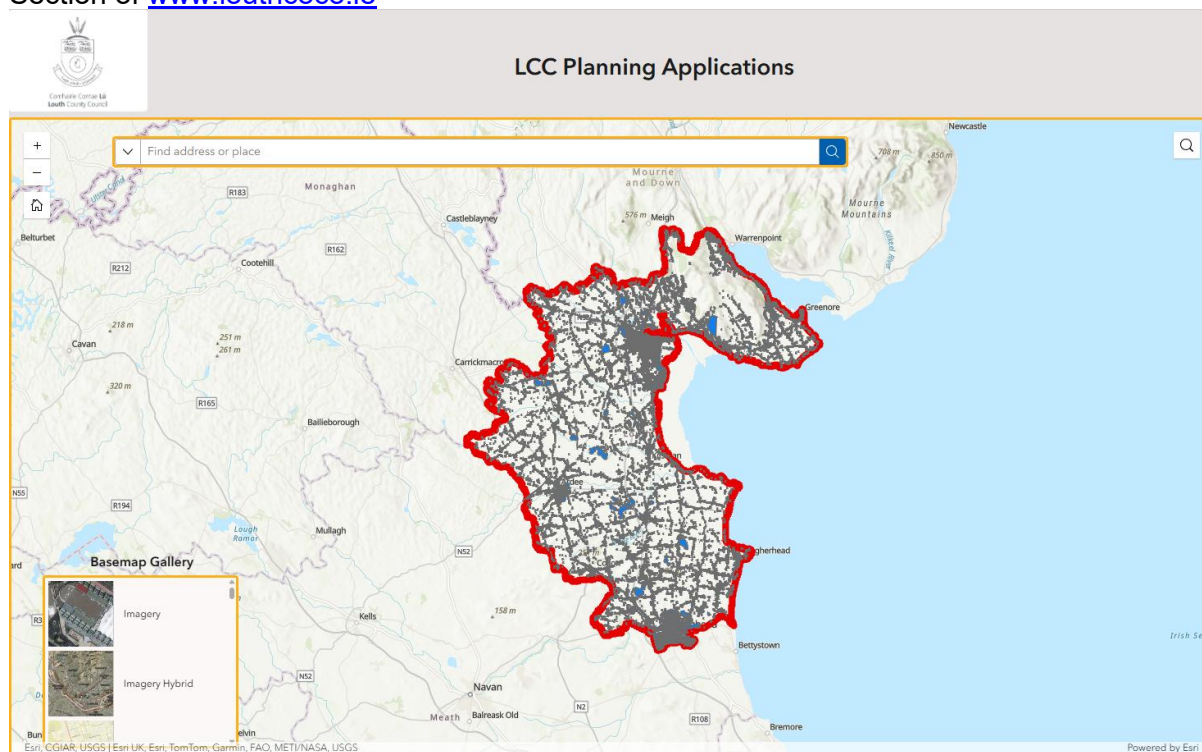
Users are accessing multiple areas of the site during their visits, indicating that the website is supporting effective navigation and enabling the public to find information and complete tasks online. The website also provides access to key services such as planning searches, mapping tools, downloadable forms, and links to external platforms, supporting efficient and accessible service delivery. The chart below presents visitor activity by day of the week.

Visits by day of the week

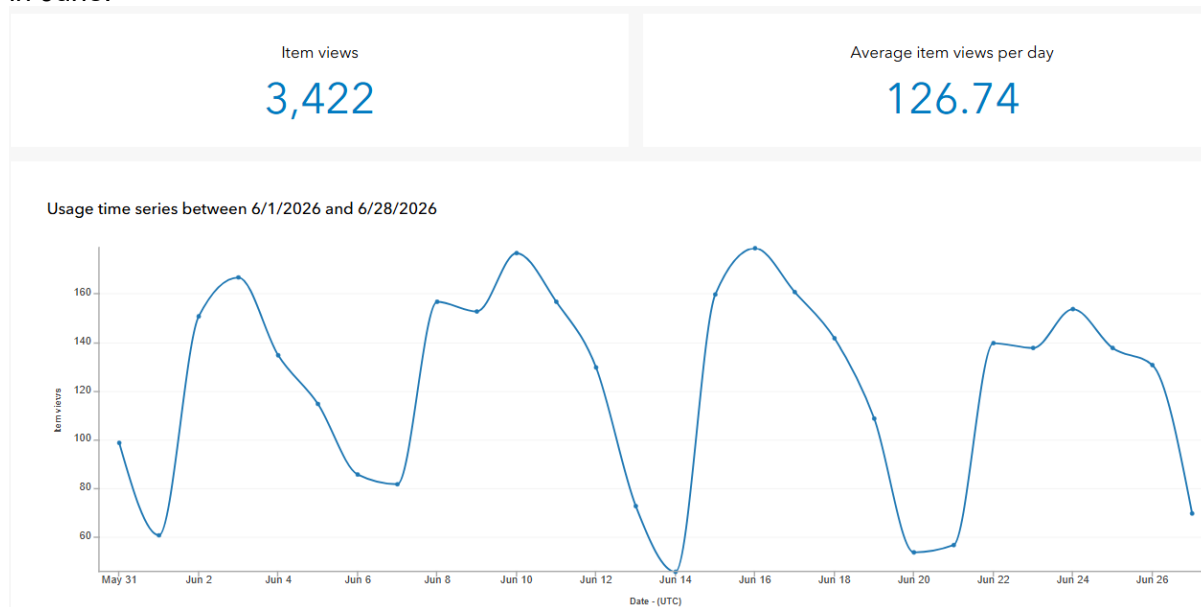


ArcGIS Online – Planning Applications Map Viewer

The Planning Applications Mapping application continues to receive many visitors. The data in the system is updated regularly to update information on the publicly available system. It is available on the E-Planning Section of www.louthcoco.ie



There were 3,422 views of the application between 01/06/2026 and 28/05/2026, an average of 127 views a day in June.



Cyber Security Training

Cyber security awareness training during June focused on recognising and responding to phishing and other email-based threats, with an emphasis on identifying suspicious requests, verifying sender authenticity, and promoting safe handling of links and attachments.

An Stiúarthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch Economic Delivery Directorate

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

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

Thomas McEvoy
Stiúrthóir / Director



An Stiúirthóireacht um Sheachadadh Eacnamaíoch / Directorate of Economic Delivery

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

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

Forbairt Gheilleagrach / Economic Development

Louth Economic Forum

A meeting of the Louth Economic Forum took place in Drogheda on Monday, 22nd June. Justin Gleeson, People & Place, presented to the meeting on County Louth's Economic Profile covering demographics, housing, employment, and jobs profile. For further information on the Louth Economic Forum please follow this [link](#).

Living City Initiative Information Sessions

In conjunction with the Chambers of Commerce in Dundalk and Drogheda information sessions were held on the 23rd June in Dundalk and the 29th June in Drogheda. Council officials shared practical insights on supports available including Living City Initiative, Vacant Property Grants, Above the Shops schemes and Shopfront Improvement Scheme. All these schemes are helping to bring new life to town centers.



Living City Initiative Information Session, Dundalk

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme 2026

The Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme is open for applications until Friday, 30th October 2026. The scheme is open to all non-domestic commercial property in County Louth. For full details of the

scheme please visit: <https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/economic-development/shopfront-improvement-grant-scheme/>.

Age Friendly Business

The Age Friendly Business Accreditation Programme accredits businesses that introduce simple, low-cost changes to improve accessibility and service for older customers. The programme raises awareness of the needs of older members of the community which in turn improves services for all. Accredited businesses are listed on the [Age Friendly Business Directory](#). To take part, and for further information please email econdev@louthcoco.ie.

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](#).

Louth Tourism Strategy Launch

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Peter Burke TD, unveiled an ambitious new roadmap for the future of tourism in County Louth at the official launch of the Louth Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2026 - 2031 at the Ballymascanlon Hotel & Golf Resort on Monday, 8th June.



Louth Tourism Strategy Launch Event

The strategy sets out a clear vision for County Louth to become one of Ireland's leading sustainable tourism destinations, celebrated for its exceptional food, warm hospitality and authentic visitor experiences. It aims to attract and inspire domestic

and international visitors, while supporting local communities and helping to grow a strong and sustainable tourism economy.



The launch event brought together tourism and hospitality leaders from across County Louth, along with representatives from Fáilte Ireland and key industry stakeholders. It reflected a shared ambition to grow and strengthen the county's tourism sector in the years ahead.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Seán Kelly and Minister Burke addressed guests before the Chief Executive, David Conway, introduced a promotional video showcasing the county. Guests then enjoyed a panel discussion chaired by Julie O'Brien of Runda, Ireland's leading sustainable tourism development agency, which explored the opportunities and ambitions set out in the strategy.



Panel Discussion

Panellists included Paul Keeley, Director of Regional Development at Fáilte Ireland; digital creator Cassie Stokes; Mark Davies, Drogheda Night-time Economy Advisor, and Mark McGowan, Managing Director of Scholars Townhouse Hotel. They discussed the opportunities ahead for tourism in County Louth and the importance of collaboration in

showcasing the county's unique identity to new audiences.

Local produce and food experiences were also central to the launch, with guests enjoying a menu featuring some of the region's finest ingredients, including Carlingford Oysters, Dunany Crab, O'Neill's Strawberries, Ballymakenny Farm Potatoes, Muchgrange Farm Ice-Cream and other locally sourced produce that reflects the quality and diversity of Louth's growing food offering.



Display of Local Produce by Boyne Valley Flavours

The strategy focuses on strengthening Louth's food and drink offering, expanding festivals and events, enhancing culture and heritage experiences, and growing countryside, coastal, wellness and outdoor tourism. It also aims to improve accommodation and visitor facilities across the county, helping to attract more visitors and encourage longer stays.



Display of Local Alcohol-Free Pale Ale

The strategy also highlights opportunities linked to major transformational projects, including Brigid's Way, the Táin Trail and the Carlingford Lough and Narrow Water Bridge development. It supports the continued growth of Drogheda's night-time economy

programme and its expansion across the county, alongside the development of key heritage and cultural sites, including masterplans for Millmount Quarter and Ardee Castle.



Members of Oriel Traditional Orchestra at Louth Tourism Strategy Launch Event

Boyne Valley Flavours (BVF)

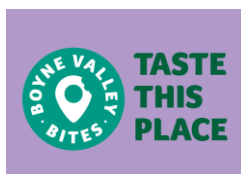
Boyne Valley Flavours supported the delivery of the Visit Louth Strategy Launch, helping to ensure local food and drink was strongly represented.

- Supporting several Boyne Valley Flavours members who showcased on the day.
- Delivering a Boyne Valley Flavours food and drink showcase.
- Assisting with menu development to ensure Louth producers were prominently featured.

Website Development & AI Readiness

Work is ongoing to optimise the Boyne Valley Flavours website for AI itinerary planning and digital tourism discovery.

Boyne Valley Bites



Engagement continues with food service businesses as part of the Boyne Valley Bites initiative, supporting stronger links between producers and hospitality businesses and encouraging the use of local produce on menus. Current activity includes business engagement, producer directory development, and planning for photography and promotional supports.



The Centre of Food Culture Ireland held its third sold-out Meet the Maker event of the year with The Cider Mill in Slane on Sunday, 7th June. This event marked the third of twelve events taking place across Ireland highlighting different crafts including beekeeping, cider making, brewing and cheesemaking.

Geilleagar Oíche Dhroichead Átha / Drogheda Night-Time Economy

Crinniú na nÓg Late

Delivered 'Twilight Takeover' at Droichead Arts Centre on the 6th June as part of the Night-Time Economy strand of Crinniú na nÓg. Led by a collaboration between Droichead Arts Centre and the Assistant Arts Officer to create a focused evening programme for the next generation of young creatives. Seven young people took part in spoken word and songwriting workshops, supported by experienced artists. Participants developed and performed their own original work live on stage, with family and friends in the audience.



Crinniú na nÓg Late

Night Curation Fund – June Programme

Support for a series of recurring night-time events across the town through the Night Curation Fund, focused on building a consistent and diverse evening offering and increase in dwell time.

Events delivered in June included:

- **Drogheda Songwriting Club**, Barefood Café (18th June)
- **Chess Knights Out**, McHugh's (21st June) – social chess night with strong community participation
- **Boyne Sounds Trad Series**, McHugh's (26th June) – live traditional music performance

- **Night Moves Late Café**, The Coffee Box (26th June) – evening café activation with live music
- **Makers Space**, Barefood Café (26th June) – craft workshop
- **Deadly Craic Comedy Club**, McHugh's (26th June) – stand-up comedy night

Drogheda Pride Programmes

Two strong Pride programmes were supported and delivered in Drogheda this month, reflecting a growing and diverse night-time cultural offer.

- **Spiral's Big Gay Weekend** (12th – 14th June) – an alternative locally curated programme of film, theatre, music and discussion, led by artists at the heart of the town's alternative culture scene.
- **Drogheda Pride** (19th – 20th June) – more established annual programme including live performances at McHugh's and the main Pride parade.

Programmes highlight Drogheda's inclusive and creative night-time economy, with a range of events supporting LGBTQ+ communities and audiences.

Late-Night Museum and Gallery Access

- County Museum Dundalk secured funding under the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport's *After Hours at the Museum Scheme*, one of 41 awards nationwide, supporting extended opening to 9.00pm.
- Meanwhile Highlanes Gallery is partnering with the Drogheda Night-Time Economy Pilot to deliver a programme of late youth led events across the remainder of the year.
- These initiatives will help broaden and strengthen the cultural offer within Louth's night-time economy, with further programme details to be announced.

Purple Flag – Programme Planning

- Members of Drogheda's Purple Flag Group met on the 23rd June at the Digital Hub to plan the year ahead and support the continued development of the town's night-time economy.
- Focus on preparing the application to retain Purple Flag status, recognising a safe, vibrant and well-managed night-time offer.
- Strong partnership approach, with members agreeing to take a lead across key areas

including policy and leadership, planning and place, movement, safety, promotion and overall offer.

- To get involved or find out more, contact nighttimeeconomy@louthcoco.ie



Members of Drogheda's Purple Flag Group

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil / Local Enterprise Office

Czech Embassy Visit to Louth

On Wednesday 3rd June Dundalk Chamber and LEO Louth hosted Deputy Ambassador Mr. Jiri Sittek and Mr. Jan Vilimek to the Local Enterprise Office to discuss opportunities for Louth based businesses to make links and trade into the Czech market.



Czech Ambassador Visit to Louth

All-Island Female Entrepreneur Conference



All-Island Female Entrepreneur Conference

The 10th Annual All-Island Female Entrepreneurs Conference, hosted by Women in Business NI, took place on Thursday, 4th June. The event, held at the Carrickdale Hotel and Spa, gathered over 300 women-led business owners from across the island and gave a great opportunity for networking, learning and connection with supports and colleagues.

Digitise Drogheda Launch – 11th June

The Digitise Drogheda After Hours Workshop Series was officially launched on Thursday 11th June in the Drogheda Digital Hub by Minister Niamh Smith, Minister of State with responsibility for Trade Promotion, AI and Digital Transformation. These workshops offer local businesses a practical and accessible pathway to strengthen their digital capabilities. Led by Drogheda & District Chamber in partnership with Louth Local Enterprise Office and the Drogheda Digital Hub, the series of programmes are designed to help SMEs build confidence and stay competitive in an increasingly digital economy. Developed in response to direct feedback from businesses, this initiative focuses on bite-sized, hands-on training delivered after hours by local experts. It gives businesses the opportunity to learn essential digital skills in a supportive, local environment — with a strong emphasis on practical application and immediate impact.

The programme covers key topics including AI for business, social media, e-commerce, data security, websites, and available digital supports, ensuring participants gain relevant, actionable insights. Best of all, the workshops are free to attend, making digital transformation more accessible for businesses at every stage.

The first session, “Managing & Securing Your Business Data,” took place on 24th June in the Drogheda Digital Hub. This is a valuable opportunity for local businesses to take a real step forward on their digital journey.



Digitise Drogheda Launch Event

National Enterprise Awards

The National Enterprise Awards were held in the Mansion House Dublin on 18th June highlighting some of the best LEO companies across the country. Representing Louth, was Caroline Duffy of Caroline Duffy Designs.



National Enterprise Awards

Textile Mission to Greece through the Craftwork 4.0 All Digitext Project



Irish delegation on a visit to a textile factory in Kilgis, Greece

Under the EU Craftwork 4.0 All Digitext Project, seven participants from counties Louth and Carlow expanded their skills through a capacity development series 'Digital Transformation in Textile

SME's' in Kilkis, Greece. We look forward to welcoming the Greek group to Ireland in July.



Representative of Kilkis Chamber of Commerce meeting LEO Louth & Cosy Life Ireland

Chamber Cross Border Conference

Louth LEO attended a Dundalk Chamber lunchtime seminar, delivered in partnership with CBPES, which focused on practical supports for SMEs operating in the cross-border region.

The session provided an opportunity to highlight the role of Local Enterprise Office Louth in supporting businesses to start, grow, and access funding, alongside contributions from InterTrade Ireland and relevant government departments



Chamber Cross Border Conference

Network Louth Awards

Louth LEO were delighted to be a part of the Network Ireland Louth Awards at the Imperial Hotel in the role of sponsor and judging partner.

The event provided an opportunity to present awards recognising outstanding women in business and to engage with female entrepreneurs across the county. The high calibre of finalists reflected the

strength of the business community within Louth and the important role of Network Ireland Louth in supporting women in enterprise. Congratulations are extended to Pauline Clarke, President of Network Ireland Louth, on the successful delivery of the event, and to all finalists and award winners.



Network Louth Awards

Turkish Embassy Visit to Louth

On Tuesday 30th June Dundalk Chamber and LEO Louth hosted Commercial Counsellor Mr. Haluk KOK and Mr. Berat KOK from the Turkish Embassy. They also met with Louth based businesses to discuss trade opportunities.

Funding Approved:

- 3 Green for Business Approved
- 2 Digital for Business Approved
- 1 Energy Efficiency Grants Approved

LEO Workshops and Training Held:

- **Business Advice Clinics** – 23 business advice clinic appointments were carried out in June
- **LEO Mentoring** – 21 Mentors were appointed to businesses in June to provide practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance
- **LEO Training** – LEO Louth held 3 training courses in June:
 - Start Your Own Business
 - TikTok for Business
 - Video Editing for Small Businesses

Pleanáil / Planning

Bainistíocht Forbartha / Development Management

The Planning service indicators for the Council for the month of May 2026 are given below in tabular form. There were 105 planning applications received during the month of May of which 92 were valid. In addition, there were 29 responses received during the month to requests for further information and 19 Pre-Planning Requests received.

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

(A) Cur Síos / Description	(B) Forbairtí Tithíochta / Housing Developme nts	(C) Tithe Aonair / Individual Houses	(D) Iarratais Eile – ní gá MTT / Other application s-not requiring EIA	(E) Iarratais Eile - MTT de dhíth / Other applications - requiring EIA	(F) Iomlán na bhforbairtí sa chontae / Total for all categories of development in County Area
(i) Líon na n-iarratas a cinneadh / Number of applications determined	10	11	52	0	73
(ii) Líon na gcinntí inar iarradh breis eolais / No. of decisions determined which required further information	6	5	25	0	36
(iii) Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh / Percentage of applications refused	10% (1)	18.18% (2)	9.62% (5)	0% (0)	10.96% (8)
(iv) Líon na n-achomharc a cinneadh / Number of appeals determined	2	2	3	0	7
(v) Céatadán na gcinntí a cuireadh ar ceal ar achomharc / Percentage of decisions overturned on appeal	50% (1)	50% (1)	33.33% (1)	0% (0)	42.86% (3)

Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Forbairt Neamhúdaraíthe / Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Development

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

Cur Síos / Description	Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development		Forfheidhmiú maidir le forbairt nár údaraíodh / Enforcement in relation to unauthorised development	
	Bealtaine 2026 / May 2026	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date	Bealtaine 2025 / May 2025	Bliain go dtí seo / Year to Date
Líon na nGearán maidir le Forfheidhmiú Pleanála a Imscrúdaíodh / Number of Planning Enforcement Complaints Investigated	25	111	25	123
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	17	86	43	118
Líon na Litreacha Rabhadh a eisíodh / Number of Warning letters issued	17	107	30	117
Líon na bhFógraí Forfheidhmiúcháin a eisíodh / Number of Enforcement Notices issued	2	7	1	6
Líon na cásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí / Number of cases referred for legal proceedings	0	1	4	4
Líon na n-urghairí / Number of Injunctions	0	0	0	0
Líon na n-ionchúiseamh / Number of Prosecutions	0	0	0	0

Planning Enforcement – Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú Pleanála – Déanmhais Chontúirteacha

The Planning Indicators listed below are in relation to Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 for the period April to June 2026.

Tá na Táscairí Pleanála thíos liostaithe bainteach le Fógraí a eisíodh faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Seirbhísí Sláintíochta) 1964 sa tréimhse Aibreán go Meitheamh 2026.

Description / Cur Síos	Enforcement in relation to Dangerous Structures / Forfheidhmiú maidir le Déanmhais Contúirteacha	
	April to June 2026 Aibreán go Meitheamh 2026	Year to Date / Bliain go dtí seo
Number of Dangerous Structures files opened / Líon na gcomhad Déanmhais Contúirteach a osclaíodh	16	21
Number of Section 3 (1)(a) Notices – Directing Owner to carry out work / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (1)(a) – Ag Tabhairt ordú d'úinéir obair a dhéanamh	11	15
Number of Section 3 (2)(b) Notices – LCC carry out works / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 3 (2)(b) – Obair le déanamh ag CCL	0	0
Number of Section 2 Notices – Dangerous Place / Líon na bhFógraí Alt 2 – Áit Chontúirteach	0	0
Number of Dangerous Structures entered on the DS Register / Líon na Struchtúr Contúirteacha atá cláraithe ar an gClárclann Struchtúr Contúirteach	11	13
Number of cases referred for legal proceedings / Líon na gcásanna a tarchuireadh le haghaidh imeachtaí dlí	2	2
Number of Prosecutions / Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	0	2 (settled)
Number of Dangerous Structures Removed from the DS Register / Líon na nStruchtúr Contúirteacha a Baintíodh den Chlár Clár Struchtúr Contúirteach	7	12
Number of cases closed / Líon na gcásanna a dúnadh	10	15

Pleanáil Chun Cinn / Forward Planning



Notice Proposed 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 reason for this proposed Variation is to ensure consistency with the National Planning Framework – First Revision (2025) and to give effect to the Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2025) issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Full details of the proposed variation will be on public display and available to view at <https://consult.louthcoco.ie> from **Friday 26th June until 4.00pm on Friday 24th July 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

Stiúirtheoireacht na nOibríochtaí & Seachadadh Comhshaoil

Operations & Environmental Delivery Directorate

Tá an stiúirtheoireacht 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

Stiúirtheoir gníomhach / Acting Director



Oibríochtaí / Operations

Monthly Report for June 2026

DUNDALK & NORTH LOUTH

Road Surface Dressing Prep edge scrapping and patching:

- Rathcor
- Ballintesklin
- Ravensdale
- Anabolica/Millgrange

Road and Pothole Repairs

- The Laurels
- Bay Estate
- Newry Road
- Thomas Street
- Oaklawns
- Priorland Road
- Mount Hamilton
- Castle Road
- Mooreland Road
- Fr Murray Park



Cleaning of gullies in all affected areas.

Cleaning of open drains

- Hill street bridge Gully cleaning
- Dublin road Gully cleaning
- Avenue road Gully cleaning
- Long walk Gully cleaning
- Newry Road Gully cleaning
- Anne street Gully cleaning
- Culhane Street ponding issue resolved
- Damaged lids long walk carpark

Drainage Works

- Ballintesklin Omeath
- Rathcor Cooley drainage upgrade ahead of surface dressing

Road Sweeping

- Dundalk Town
- St Patrick's Cemetery
- Carlingford Village sweep
- Lordship sweep

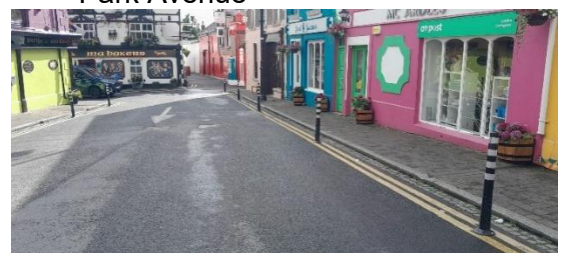


Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Overgrown footpaths cleaned Hardy's Lane / Mount Hamilton, Dundalk
- Inner Relief Road footpaths scraped
- Hedges trimmed back in pinewood estate blocking public footpath
- Alleyway at Woodbury Gardens scraped and all vegetation removed
- Dublin Road @ Meehan's Garage footpath damaged

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- Park Villas signs repaired
- Clanbrassil Street damaged signage repaired
- Damaged bollards Market Square
- Navy Bank bollard repair
- New bollards on cycle lane at The Crescent/Stapleton Place
- Bollards replaced at Chapel Street and Park Avenue



Market Street, Carlingford

Traffic Lights Repairs

- Hill Street Bridge (numerous times)
- Quay Street
- DKIT Junction
- Pedestrian crossing at the Louth County Hospital

Other Works

- Graffiti removal Long Avenue/ Coes Road/ the Ramparts and Market Square
- Drainage grills cleared (Mill Road – Fatima)
- Weed killing carried out across Dundalk town approx. 50 Roads including Linen Hall Street and Ramparts car park
- Tree trimming Jocelyn St - both sides of cycle lane
- Tree trimming at Castle Road
- Hedge cutting dangerous junctions throughout Dundalk – Ardee Road – Carrick Road
- New bins and benches replaced in Carlingford for Tidy Towns

Litter Picking & Emptying Public Bins/ Dog Waste

- Ongoing bin collections Carlingford/Omeath Temple town & Gyles Quay etc
- Litter picking Dundalk Town Area – Navy Bank, Castletown Rd, Maxwells row, Fairgreen rd, Quayside, St. Helenas, Barrack St. area. Nicholas St,
- Wolfe Tone Terrace, Yorke St, Chapel St, Seatown area and more

MID LOUTH & ARDEE

Road Works Resurfacing

- Sea Road Blackrock



Road and Pothole Repairs

- Rd 152 Tully and the Green Rd in Louth Village
- Tallanstown – Mills of Louth
- Rd191 Newrath
- LS-5137-0 Little Ash Knockbridge,
- LS-7127-0 Balrobin Kilkerley,
- LS-7107 Tateetra,

- LS-7184 Dunmahon,
- LS-3122 Miltown Kilkerley
- N2, Bridge Street, Ardee,
- R169, Collon
- R170, Dromin
- L-2239, Mountainstown Road
- L-1210, Gudderstown
- L-5268, Funshog
- L-6224, Dillonstown
- L-2295, Corrisbane
- L-1212, Stabannan
- L-1228, Richardstown
- L-6237, Cappoge
- L-1212, Riverstown
- L-1260, John Street, Ardee
- L-6269, Knockleava
- L-12603, Cornmill, Ardee

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Springhill - Knock Abbey road
- Reaghstown – Mills of Louth
- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Ardee, Collon, and Dunleer.
- Gullies cleaned and repaired on Sean O'Carroll Street
- Outlets and Gullies cleaned and repaired on L-2226, Charleville
- L-1228, Richardstown (Manhole Repairs)

Drainage Works

- Channonrock
- R171 Little Mills
- N2, Ardee
- L-2226, Charleville
- Outlets and Gullies cleaned and repaired on Drogheda Road, Ardee

Road Sweeping

- Blackrock
- Knockbridge
- Castlebellingham
- Dromskin
- Tallanstown
- All routes in Ardee Town (5.2km per day)

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Old Golf Links Road
- Repairs to Footpaths along Sean O'Carroll Street, Ardee

- Repairs to Footpaths along N2, Mullameen
- Repairs to Footpaths at Beachwood Drive, Dunleer



Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- New pencil bollards installed in Kilcurry school
- Signage Cleaned and repaired in area. Signage Repaired on R169

Traffic Lights Repairs

- Xerox Junction
- Haynestown Junction
- Felda Junction, Dublin Road
- Repairs to Traffic Lights at Pedestrian Crossing, Ardee

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

- Washing and Clearing Salterstown Pier
- Line Marking;
- L- 2225, Finvoy Cross, Togher
- L-1297, Leabhys Cross
- L-1297, Kells Road
- Pedestrian Crossings in Collon

Illegal Dumping

- R177 Armagh Road,
- LS-7103 Carn More
- LS-7162 Clermont Road
- Haggardstown. Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards



Dumping at Barrack Lane, Drogheda



Dumping at Monasterboice

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

DROGHEDA & SOUTH LOUTH

Road Works Resurfacing

- Road works Program Drogheda Town – Road Surfacing Contractor has now been appointed and we have meet with contractor to agree the scope of works on the following roads, with the intend to commence works in mid-July.
- Crosslanes
- Crushrod Ave
- Hardman Gardens
- Thomas St
- Georges St
- Beamore Rd.

Road and Pothole Repairs

- L-2244, Port Coast Road
- L-2000, Slane Road
- L-2308, Gallroostown
- L-6291, Paddock
- L-6246, Rathgory
- L-2304, Sheetland Road
- L-2244, Port Coast Road,
- L-6285, Gallroostown Road,
- L-2278, Sandpit Road
- L-6251, Gallagh
- Ave 4 St Finians Pk
- Ashfield
- Georges St
- Old Abbey Carpark
- Fr Connolly Way
- St Marys Villas.
- Platin Rd
- Boyne Rd

Cleaning of Gullies/Open Drains

- Inspections and Cleaning as required to Gullies in Clogherhead, Termonfeckin, Tullyallen and in the rural areas
- Cleaning of Gullies in Town Centre and areas that flood during prolonged rainfall.
- Preparing for the appointment of 2026 Gully Cleaning Contract – it is the intention to extent 2025 contract which includes for 1200 no. Gullies.

Drainage Works

- Significant Drainage Works at R166, Newtown

- Significant Drainage Works at L-2290, Priesttown
- Drinage Works at R170
- Significant Drainage Works at L-6246, Parsonstown
- Cleaning of Gullies in Town Centre and areas that flood during prolonged rainfall.
- Gullys unblocked at Crushrod Ave, Ballsgrove & Cord Rd.

Road Sweeping

- Routes in towns and villages within Area

Sweeper 1

- All approach Roads Daily
- Plus Hotspots
- Gully Cleaning Town Area
- Housing Estates on Southside
- Mount St Oliver
- Congress Ave
- Priest Lane
- Silk Park
- Elmwood
- Marian Pk
- Morans Tce

Sweeper 2

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

Multi-Hog Sweeper

- town centre and the following areas
- Ballsgrove Hill
- Windmill Rd
- Boyle O Reilly
- Newtown Cemetery
- Fair Green
- Reillys Carpark
- Abbey Carpark

- North Rd (In between the Bollards)
- Byranstown Cross Route.
- Wheaton Hall
- College Rise
- Harmony Heights
- Riverwalk Mell

Green Machines x2

- Town Centre daily and following locations
- Dominick's Pk
- Dominick's Bridge
- Lourdes's square
- Market Square
- Fr Connolly Way.
- Abbey Carpark.
- Patrickswell 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
- Power washing and disinfectant of Meatmarket lane.
- Clean and removal of dumping on a daily basis at Bessexwell Lane and Bachelors lane.

Footpath Repairs & Upgrades Dundalk

- Survey footpath included on Drogheda Pride Parade and Drogheda Motor Show to ensure no trip hazards at Kings St, Williams St, Fair St, Duke St, West St, St Laurence St, Fr Connolly Way and Abbey Carpark.
- Tender for Consultant, design of Dropped Kebs and Tactile Paving at various locations in Drogheda, locations agreed with Irish Wheelchair Association.

Signs & Bollards Maintenance

- A number of Signs cleaned, repaired, straighten and replaced in area
- Realign Stop Signs and No Turn Right Sign at Sundays Gate.
- Realign Stop Signs at Stockwell Lane.
- Reinstate flexi-bollards at Shop St and IDA Rd.
- No Entry Signs up-graded at Simcocks Lane.
- Children crossing sign erected at Patrickswell Lane.
- Bollards reinstated at pedestrian crossing on Crushrod Ave.
- Bollards reinstated on Stockwell Lane.
- Signage Cleaned on Barrack Lane.
- Children at play sign repaired at Marian Pk.
- Stop sign re-adjusted at Hillview Housing Estate.

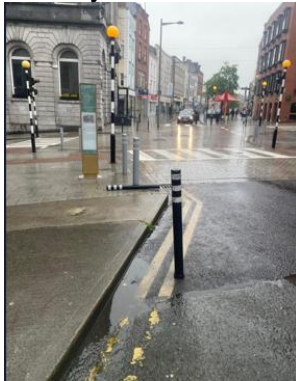


Traffic Lights Repairs

- General maintenance of traffic light signal heads and lamps.
- Monitoring of traffic lights at junction of Donore Rd & Marleys Lane – power failure.



- Reinstatement of Traffic Light Chamber at old pedestrian crossing on Mell / Trinity St.



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
- Painting Public Facilities at Port and Clogherhead
- Cleaning Sand from Port and Clogherhead Beaches
- Preparations for Blue Flag Ceremony at Clogherhead Beach
- Cleaning of Pitcher Hill Steps and reinstatement of potholes.
- Oil Spill on Dublin Rd & Byranstown Crossroute.
- Removal of Pallets & Tyres at Rathmullen & St Finian's Housing Estate.
- Monitoring of traffic / pedestrian management at dangerous structures at Bolton St, William St, O Reilly Carpark, West St, Post Office West St & Cord Graveyard.
- Monitor sand bags at Wellington Quay during High Tides.
- Boundary wall at Mell Carpark – tenders now submitted, contractor appointed.
- Stone wall at Cord Graveyard – seek quotations to carry out repairs.
- Maintenance of litter bins throughout town centre.
- Umbrellas and benches washed down on West St during summer months.
- Removal of graffiti in town centre.

- Bring banks in Drogheda are checked and cleared daily during working week, also all bring banks in Drogheda and check and cleared on Saturday pm.

Illegal Dumping

- Removal of Illegally Dumped Waste from the area (Dummies Lane and other repeated hotspots)
- Assistance with Tidy Towns clean ups in Monasterboice.
- Removal of Bags Collection from;
- Baltray
- Twenties Lane
- PANCR/Ballymakenny Road
- Townrath
- Sandpit
- Galroostown
- Clogherhead
- Alleyways at Rathmullen
- Skelly's Lane
- Bessexwell Lane
- Ballsgrove
- Collon Rd
- Slane Rd
- Boyne Rd
- Murdock's Carpark
- Marsh Rd
- Dummy's Lane
- Barrack Lane
- Marleys Court.

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
- 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
- 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
- Blackbush
- John Kirk Pk Clogherhead
- Forest Pk
- Hawthorn Close
- Castlewood
- Beaubec
- Gort Bui



- 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

Playground & Gym Equipment

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

Beaches/Ring Bouys/Lifeguards

- 89 ring buoys checked each week Town area (Thursday)
- 9 ring buoys checked each week at Rosehall (Friday)
- Port Oriel Pier, Clogherhead
- Clogherhead Beach
- Port Beach
- Termonfeckin
- Baltray
- Seapoint

Operations Countywide

Events Preparations

- Preparation for Event in June, Drogheda Motor show at Fr Connolly Way – pedestrian barriers, reinstatement potholes and cleansing crews.
- Preparation for Event in June, Drogheda 5K Race at Ballymackenna Rd – cleansing crews.
- Preparation for Event in June, Drogheda Pride Parade at King St, William St, Fair St, Duke St, West St & St Laurence St – reinstatement potholes and cleansing crews.
- Preparation for Blessing of Grave at St Peters and St Marys, hedge cutting and street sweeping on approach roads.
- The Ballapousta Patron, including the traditional annual Blessing of the Graves and Corpus Christi Procession, took place on Sunday, June 7, 2026
- The Annual Blessing of Graves for the Philipstown and wider Dunleer Parish was held at the Mosstown Graveyard on Sunday, June 21, 2026,
- Tullyallen Blessing of the Graves 14th June 2026
- Newtown / Termonfeckin Blessing of the Graves 28th June 2026

Schedule – Event Licences issued for June 2026

- Blackrock Raft Race (Blackrock Social Group)
1 June 2026
- Louth Women's 5km Road Race & Family Walk
(*Scoil Naomh Lorcan*)
5 June 2026
- Glenmore Challenge Running Festival 2026
13 June 2026
- Dundalk Show
TMPs submitted for review only, as event is held on private property
14 June 2026
- Yoga Sessions – St. Helena's Park
14 June 2026
- Dundalk Dog Rescue Event
14 June 2026

- Boyne 5K
19 June 2026
- Navvy Bank 5K
20 June 2026
- Drogheda Pride Parade 2026
20 June 2026
- BBC Filming – Drogheda – with Historian Lucy Worsley
23 June 2026

Events - Family Funfair Festival – Blackrock 2026

Louth County Council recently invited Expressions of Interest from experienced and reputable operators to deliver a **Family Funfair Festival** at the Blackrock Lower Carpark, scheduled to take place from **Friday 14th August to Sunday 16th August 2026**.

All submissions received were carefully evaluated in line with the criteria outlined in the original advertisement, as well as the requirements set out in the **Louth County Council Funfair Policy**.

Following this assessment process, **Evan Leisure Amusements** has been successfully awarded the licence to operate the **Family Funfair Festival for 2026**.



Community Involvement Scheme 2026

Tender documents are now complete and procurement procedure will now commence, for lanes at Rossmakea, Bellurgan Point, Lea Cottages



Louth Ports & Harbours

- Sink holes made safe at Gyles Quay.

Environmental Delivery

Waste Enforcement

Waste and Litter Enforcement

Investigations under Litter Pollution Act	160
FPN under Litter Pollution Act	44
Waste complaints received year to date	137
Investigations under waste legislation	137

Diesel Laundering Waste

There was no diesel laundering waste removed by the Council to date in June 2026. The total cost in 2026 so far is approximately €92,350.

Litter Foot patrol

A 5 hour foot patrol was carried out with particular attention to dog fouling in Drogheda and Dundalk area in June, more patrols will be carried out over the coming weeks.



Anti-Dumping Initiative 2026

Funding has been made available from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications through the WERLA's to support the 2026 ADI, aimed at tackling illegal dumping through prevention, abatement, awareness and enforcement.

The Council submitted a total of 6 project applications for review and approval.

A total of four projects were approved, securing funds of **€81,400**.

These include:

1. Mattress and Sofa Amnesty – Dundalk
2. Mattress and Sofa Amnesty – Drogheda
3. Mattress and Sofa – Ardee
4. Marley Court Alley-Way Clean Up - Drogheda

Checkpoints

The Waste Enforcement team participated in a multi agency Checkpoint at the end of May. Those in attendance included An Garda Síochána, Customs, Revenue and the RSA.

There was a significant level of non-compliance noted. In summary:

- 54 vehicles Assessed
- 24 were carrying waste
- 7 €500 FPNs were issued
- 9 non-compliances were recorded

Of note 2 vehicles were returned to site of origin, as they were unauthorised. And one section 14 direction under the Waste Management Act was issued to an unauthorised collector to take waste to an

authorised site and provide receipts of disposal.

Environmental Regulation

Water Quality and complaints

14 Water pollution complaints were received in June 2026. Investigations and site visits were carried out in all cases. All complaints are either resolved or in progress.

Air & Noise Pollution Complaints

10 air pollution complaints were received this month. 7 noise pollution cases were received. All complaints are either resolved or still under investigation.

Farm survey Inspections

During the month of June 2026 7 farm GAP inspections were carried out along with 1 re-inspection. 1 no-compliance letter was issued.

Discharge Licences

Assessment inspections were carried out on 12 monitoring results received by the Council in June 2026 for Section 4 Discharge Licences. 7 on-site inspections were carried out to assess licence compliance.

Licenced landfills

Monthly monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate was carried out in June at Dundalk landfill. Monthly monitoring of perimeter gas monitoring points was completed at Dundalk, Drogheda and Whiteriver landfills. Monthly gas balancing carried out at Whiteriver.

Septic Tanks

4 queries received from members of the public regarding eligibility for grants in June. 3 septic tank advisory notices remain open.

Planning

23 planning reports completed for June 2026. 1 supervised percolation test was completed in June. These reports related to agricultural, commercial and one-off dwelling planning permissions where assessment of site suitability based on the underlying soil/subsoil, geology and hydrogeology takes place.

Bathing Water Regulations

Louth has received 3 blue flags for Port, Templetown and Clogherhead. A green flag

was awarded to Seapoint beach in Termonfeckin. Bathing water season has commenced, and weekly sampling is taking place by the environment team. All results have been excellent thus far. All results are available to see on beaches.ie by entering the beach name.

Rural Water Programme

Individual Domestic Water Supplies Grant

There has been 3 payments made in the sum of €10,655.00 (as of 23rd June 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.

Climate Action

Community Climate Action Programme

A total of €651,374.78 has been allocated to 17 community groups under the second phase of the Community Climate Action Programme. Please see attached link which contains further information on each project under Community Climate Action Programme here <https://louthcoco.ie/en/services/environment/climate-action/community-climate-action-funding-strand/>



Community Climate Action Programme

- €651,374.78 allocated to County Louth under Phase 2.
- 17 Projects have been approved to receive funding.

SCAN HERE

WE'RE TAKING CLIMATE ACTION

Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Riadas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

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

Biodiversity Action

Meadow Magic Project Meet Taoiseach

The Meadow Magic project, including students from Mullaghbuoy National School, were invited to meet the Taoiseach at the Dáil on 12 June. He commended the students for their short film promoting the importance of meadows for nature. The Taoiseach showed that they have listened to their messages and have “skipped the mow and let it grow” at Leinster House.



The Taoiseach welcomed the Louth Meadow Magic Project Team to Leinster House

To see the film, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=GEDnof5jq6MuH3ny&v=agjwmDBvGMc&feature=youtu.be>

To find out more about how to support pollinators visit www.pollinators.ie

Artificial Light at Night Conference

On 18 June the Leinster Biodiversity Officers co-hosted a conference at Maynooth University, highlighting the importance of reducing light pollution for people, climate and nature. The conference made recommendations for practical actions Councils can take to prevent light pollution through sensitive lighting design, dimming, trimming and selecting the right light, in the right place for the right time. For more information see: <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/files/DSL-Environmentally-Friendly-Lighting-Guide-2-1.pdf>



Louth County Council Staff at the Artificial Light at Night Conference & Environmentally Friendly Lighting Guide

Invasive Species Week

Between Mon 28 – Sun 28 June a series of workshops and webinars were held highlighting the simple, practical actions people can take to help protect our local biodiversity from invasive species.

Sightings of invasive species should be reported through the online recording form <https://records.biodiversityireland.ie/record/invasives#7/53.455/-8.016>

Check out the “Guide to Ireland’s Regulated Invasive Alien Plant Species” for help with identification <https://tinyurl.com/mvjp25x>
For guidance on how to get involved see here: <https://invasives.ie/invasive-species-week/>

Invasive Species Week

Raising awareness of Invasives in Ireland



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Powering Towards Net Zero – Council’s Animal Compound at Whiterath

The Council’s Animal Compound at Whiterath, Dromiskin, Co. Louth is now operating as a **Nearly Zero Energy** facility following the installation of a hybrid inverter and 10kWh battery system to improve solar power generating equipment there. That is delivered through an excellent, plan-led approach by the

Energy Team, driving measurable results in efficiency, cost savings and carbon reduction.

- 16,100 kWh of solar energy generated, providing some 84% of the entire electricity annual load at the site (annual demand 19,103 kWh).

Thus far, 1.9 MWh of renewable energy has been generated, stored and reused on-site. That has enabled €510 of saving in electricity costs, and 760 kg CO₂ emissions avoided.

The hybrid system optimises energy use by using first electricity from solar generation, and battery storage, and only importing electricity from the national electricity grid supply when required, ensuring maximum efficiency.

This system design maximises on-site consumption of renewable energy, reducing reliance on imported electricity and strengthening resilience against rising energy costs and declining export tariffs.



New 10kWh battery pack installed in the Council's Animal Pound at Whiterath

Louth County Council Distributed Solar Farm

The Council is rapidly scaling up its renewable energy capacity by the construction of a new Distributed Solar Farm across 21 Council sites. We expect to generate 550–600 kWp of electricity from solar generators located on Council buildings across the county.

Some 500,000 kWh will be generated annually, supplying 6.6% of the Council's total electricity demand. That will reduce CO₂ emissions by 146 tonnes each year — equivalent to 28,110 trees planted. That represents more than a 10-fold increase in solar generation compared to 2024.

This solar generation increase is directly powering the Council's increasing electricity demand from new heat pumps, eliminating fossil fuel use and demonstrating our circular approach to decarbonisation.



New Solar PV Panels Co. Hall

Energy Promotion – Keep it Simple

Before the June Bank Holiday, staff were asked to power down non-essential equipment — computers, monitors, chargers and lights. This simple step saves energy, reduces emissions, and supports a more sustainable workplace. Every small saving causes a much larger overall saving.

FACILITIES

Dundalk Athletics Track

The development of the new athletics track in Dundalk has now made significant progress, with the project on course for completion in Summer 2026, despite delays in June due to adverse weather.

Upon completion, the facility will feature a new 8 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, which is scheduled to be installed later this year.

This current phase of the project is highly weather-dependent, so maintaining progress is heavily reliant on suitable weather. Any prolonged period of unfavourable weather is likely to impact the overall completion date.



The new Dundalk Athletics Track

North Louth Operations Base

Part 8 Planning Permission has been approved for the proposed 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.

Tender has been issued for the Construction works and it is anticipated works will commence in Q3 2026.



*The existing Bush Depot at Ballaverty
Millmount Maintenance works*

Maintenance work on the grass mound surrounding the tower, at Millmount, Drogheda is ongoing. In addition, restoration works at boundary walls at the site are expected to be completed during the summer months.

Dundalk Library

The Council has now taken back maintenance of the open space at the County Library, Dundalk, from the construction of the Varcities Project there. Accordingly, maintenance works are focused on improving further the external landscaping areas which also supports Dundalk Tidy Towns with its annual application for the national tidy towns competition.



Results of Maintenance Work Dundalk Library

Animal Control and Welfare

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs Act 1986

Dogs through the pound June 2026	
Total dogs through the pound	30
Seized under Section 16	0
Strays	15
Surrendered by owners	15
No of dogs reclaimed by owners	7
No of dogs rehomed direct	2
No of dogs rehomed to welfare groups	18
No of dogs on hand in Pound at 30/06/2026	2

Dog Licences June 2026	
No of Licences sold	505
Licence Checks:	
House calls	1430
Section 16 Notices issued (request to produce licence within 10 days)	358
Fixed Penalty Notices	8

Control of Horses

Control of Horses Act 1996

Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2003

Horses through the pound June 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 30/06/2026	0

Dog Breeding Establishments

Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

Dog Breeding Establishments June 2026	
Total no of registered DBE's in Louth (as at 30/06/2026)	6
Hunt	1
Boarding Kennels	2
Training Kennels	1
Welfare	2



A gentle young dog presented to the Council Dog Pound as a stray and was discovered to have a very severe, necrotic injury to his leg. The dog had no microchip. First aid was administered by the Veterinary nurse before transfer to Dundalk Dog Rescue for further treatment and surgery to remove the affected limb

Fire Service

There were 652 Incidents logged with ERCC for Louth YTD. This compares with 658 incidents for the same period last year.

The following training courses took place this month;

- 111 days spent on training
- 11 training courses held
 - 32 students completed their Breathing Apparatus Refresher Course, 1 was unsuccessful
 - 2 students commenced their 15 day Recruit Firefighter Course
 - 8 students completed their Abrasive Wheels Course (2nd course this year)
 - 1 student was recertified by the RSA as an ESDS driver
 - 1 ESDS trainer was certified by the RSA as a Category B ESDS driver
 - Familiarisation training on the new Scania appliances is complete for all fulltime crews
 - 2 students commenced their 10 day Breathing Apparatus Instructor Course
 - 3 crews completed their annual CISM Awareness training (9 crews to date for 2026)
 - 4 students attended CISM Awareness training for Senior Officers
 - 4 students completed their CISM Peer Supporter Initial Training
 - 3 students completed their CISM Peer Supporter Refresher Training

The Dundalk Regional Training centre design has completed the Stage 2(a) Preliminary Design and updated program now moves Stage 2(b) Planning and Public Consultation starting in early July with this phase due to be completed by end of August. The design includes new entrances to the training yard, a new training building and a refit of the existing Breathing Apparatus house.

Design of the new Turntable Ladder for Drogheda has been completed and German vehicle Builders Rosenbauer are due to deliver the new vehicle in Q4 2026.

Fire Safety

During the reporting period, 25 fire safety certificate applications were received bringing the annual total to 84 applications received.

Community engagement activities remained a central focus of Fire Safety. These included hosting interactive fire safety stands at the Age Friendly Community Safety Event in the Fairways Hotel and the Oldbridge House Summer Fair. At these events, personnel provided practical fire prevention advice, demonstrated the correct use of smoke alarms and engaged directly with members of the public on home fire safety planning. Informational materials were distributed, and attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and receive tailored guidance on reducing fire risks in their homes.

The Primary School Fire Safety Program was completed this month. Fire Crews reached a total of 67 schools and approximately 1600 3rd and 4th class pupils this school year.



Major Emergency Management

The NERWG met in Ardee this month. Regional Risk Assessment's were reviewed and discussions around further Information Manager and On-Site Coordination training took place. Louth also hosted the Regional steering group meeting this month in County Buildings where issues such as NE regional exercise and developing a regional resilience group outside of the PRAs were discussed.

Building Control

Disability Access Certificates June	10
Total number of valid Commencement Notices submitted for 2026	174
Total Number of Commencement Notices for June submitted	42

Civil Defence

Training

Weekly training continues each Thursday

Duties

Dundalk agricultural show x 20 volunteers

Navy Bank 5K x 6 volunteers

National Radiation Exercise x 4 volunteers

An Stiúrthóireacht um Acmhainní Daonna, Soláthar Corparáideach & Pobail

Human Resources, Corporate & Community Delivery Directorate

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

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

Joanna Kelly

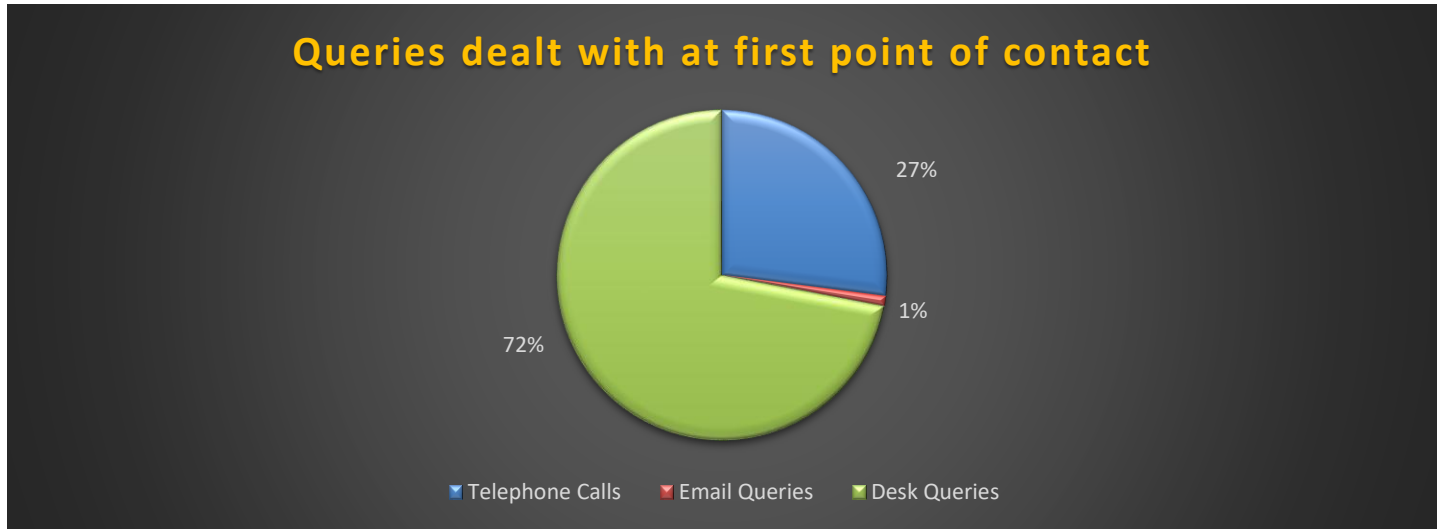
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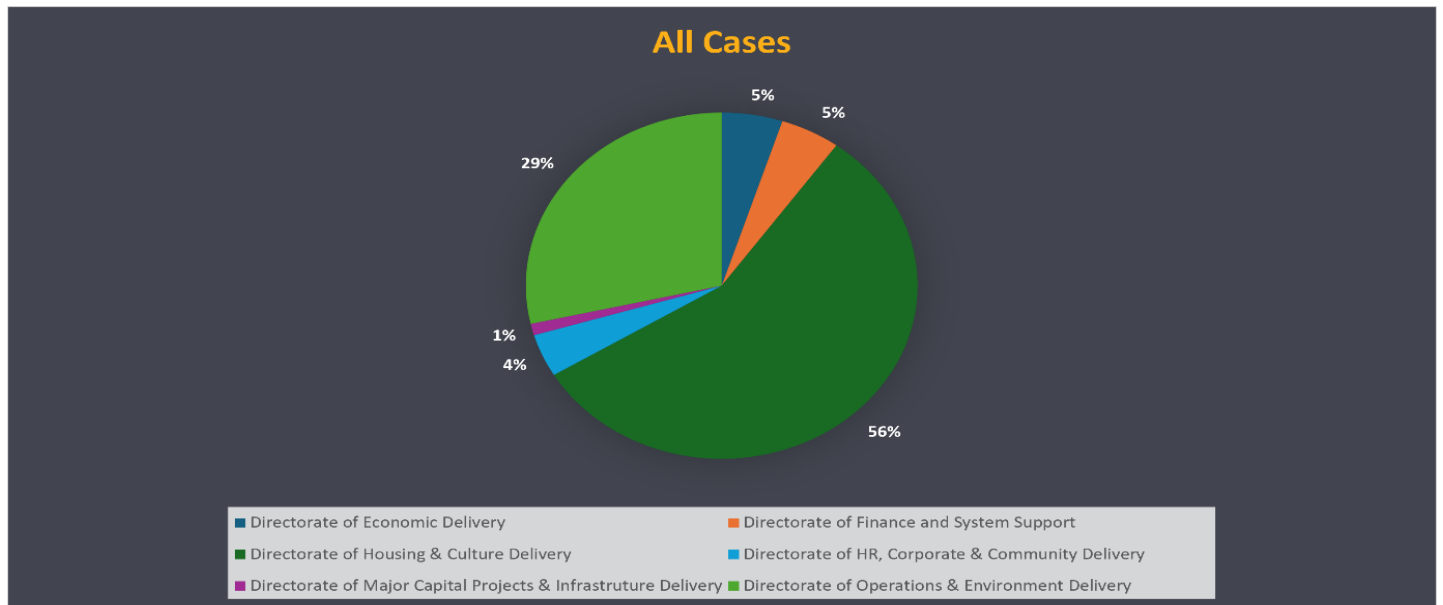
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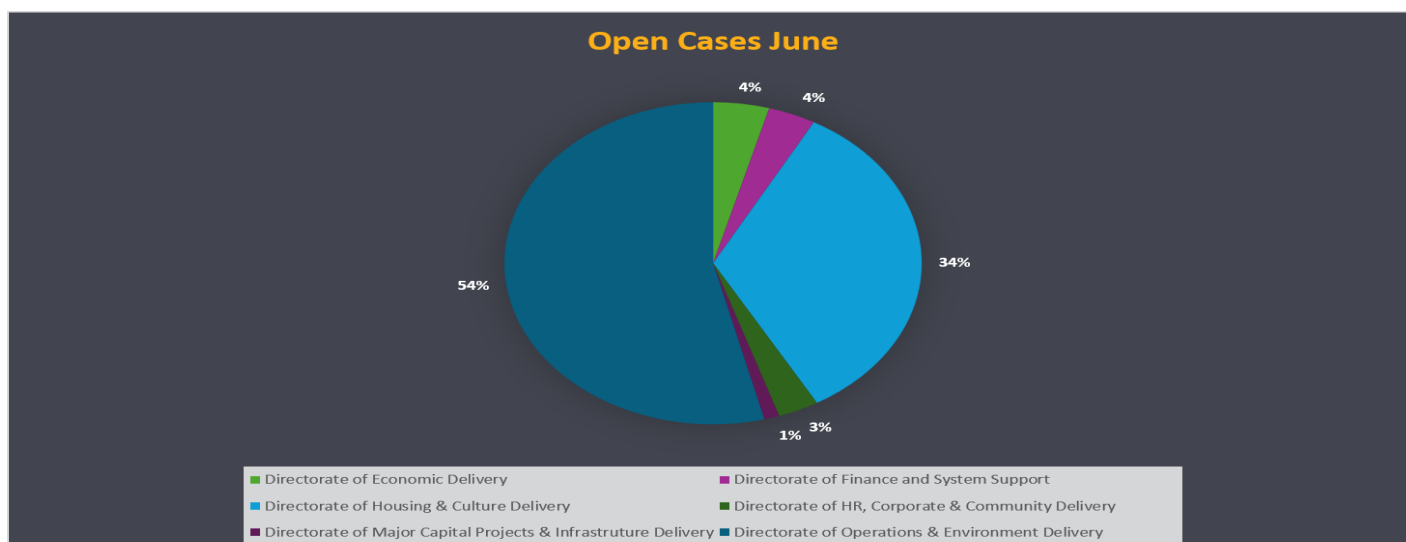
Tuairisc ar Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí / Customer Services Report

During the month of June 2026, Customer Services dealt with 16,331 queries inclusive of 8,132 calls and 8054 counter queries and 145 e-mails. 11,093 (68%) of queries received were dealt with at first point of contact broken down as follows:



There were 2,971 valid CRM cases recorded during June 2026 of which 327 were received from elected members. A total of 760 (26%) remain unresolved by end of June, broken down by directorate as follows:





The table below illustrates activity in the Information Compliance area.

	2025 Total January – June	2026 Total January- June	2026 Total June Only
DSARS	13	5	0
DATA PROTECTION	24	16	4
FOI REQUEST – RECORDS	76	116	15
AIE – INFORMATION	7	11	1
COMPLAINTS	10	29	6
OMBUDSMAN	16	3	3
RPSI	0	0	0

Franchise Section

The Franchise Section attended the Dundalk Show in Bellurgan on the 14th June, where a dedicated stand was established to promote the CheckTheRegister.ie website. Staff engaged with members of the public, encouraging individuals to register to vote and to review or update their details where necessary. The event generated a high level of engagement and provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the registration process.

Separately, reporting for Quarter 2 shows an overall improvement in data quality when compared with Quarter 1, with increases recorded in the proportion of voter records containing PPSNs, contact details, and dates of birth.

Communications

Your Council Day 2026 took place on Friday, 26th June, providing an opportunity to highlight the work of the Council and the staff who deliver services across County Louth.

In advance of the day, a video series was launched across the Council's social media channels, showcasing a range of frontline and behind-the-scenes roles. Featured staff included the Caretaker of Dundalk Town Hall, the Customer Services Manager in Drogheda, a Library Service Assistant in Dunleer, a Parks Foreman, and the PEACEPLUS Programme Manager. The series performed strongly, generating 69.8K views and 1.7K interactions across corporate channels.

Guided public tours of County Hall and the Civic Offices at Fair Street were also held, with participants selected via public lottery. Led by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Dolores Minogue, and Cllr Power, Mayor of Drogheda, the tours supported direct public engagement and increased awareness of Council operations.

Your Council Day is a national LGMA campaign promoting the role and impact of local government.

Complementing this, the inaugural **Staff Recognition Awards** were held on Friday, 12th June in County Hall. The event recognised staff who demonstrate the Council's Core Values in their day-to-day work.

Awards were presented across the six Core Values: Innovation, Citizen-Centric, Equality and Inclusion, Governance, Sustainability, and Democratic - alongside a Chief Executive's Special Recognition Award.

Community Support



Age Friendly Louth

Cooley Farming Community Club

The Cooley Farming Community Club held its final meeting before a summer break on 19th June, featuring guest speaker John Connell, a respected author, journalist, farmer and mental health advocate from Co. Longford. John shared a powerful and honest account of his personal mental health journey,

highlighting the vital support he found within the farming community.

Originally a 10-week pilot led by the HSE and supported by Age Friendly Louth, the club will resume in the autumn. Over the programme, members engaged with guest speakers on men's health, farming and local support services, and enjoyed several farm walks in the beautiful Cooley Peninsula. The initiative aims to support farmers aged 55 and over in maintaining health and wellbeing while continuing to farm.



Members of Cooley Farming Community Club with author John Connell

Creative Drama Classes in Dunleer

Age Friendly Louth have partnered with An Táin Arts Centre to deliver a suite of creative drama classes to adults in mid Louth. These classes commenced on 11th June and participants will use the creative arts to explore the issue of ageism and to promote positive ageing in Co. Louth. The project funded through Creative Ireland's Creative Communities fund is now in its third year.

Designed for older people across Co. Louth, the workshops offer a welcoming and supportive space to explore personal experiences through drama. Participants will take part in structured sessions combining improvisation, storytelling and script development, with a focus on examining both subtle and overt forms of age discrimination.

Age Friendly Walk

Age Friendly Louth partnered with Walking For All and Tullyallen Men's Shed to host an age friendly walk for Bealtaine to celebrate positive ageing. The walk led by trained walkers from Tullyallen Men's Shed attracted a large crowd of all ages. The walkers were treated to wonderful warm hospitality by the shed members afterwards and shown around the wonderful complex they have which includes a woodshed and polytunnel for growing plants and flowers.



Age Friendly Louth partner with Tullyallen Men's Shed to host Bealtaine Walk

Garden Care & Repair in County Louth

Members of the Age Friendly Team visited Ardee Tidy Towns and Dunleer Tidy Towns as part of the Mid-Year review of the Garden Care & Repair project. This is the third year of Garden Care & Repair in Ardee and the project is successfully run by Dee Hub & Ardee Tidy Towns. So far during 2026 they have 28 clients on their list who have availed of the service on an ongoing basis.

Garden Care & Repair started in Dunleer in 2026 and the administration of the scheme and the delivery of gardening services is being rolled out and managed by Dunleer Tidy Towns. To date over 10 older and vulnerable people in Dunleer have availed of the service on an ongoing basis.

The main aim of the service is to assist older people with small gardening projects including grass cutting, garden tidying, weeding and hedge cutting. This community-driven initiative aims to assist those in need by offering essential garden care at no cost. The project is supported by Age Friendly Louth, An Garda Síochána and the Mid Louth Elected Members.

Comhairle na nÓg

Race Across the Border PEACEPLUS Event

Twenty young people from Louth Comhairle na nÓg and Newry Mourne and Down Youth Council took part in a unique event to highlight young people's experiences of cross border travel and transport. Simultaneously two groups set off from Warrenpoint and from Dunleer and their task was to get to the other venue using only public transport and having to complete a number of challenges along the way.

The groups set out from their start points via bus and both took the train to cover the Newry – Dundalk leg. Back on the buses they completed their journeys to the final destination.

Both groups ended back in Dundalk Youth Centre for a de-brief and while they felt public transport was not

as easy as being dropped off by parents, they really enjoyed the independence and sense of purpose the journey gave them. The fares were relatively cheap and the shuttle service in Newry to the train service was excellent. Some of the trains were crowded but this is normal.

The young people also commented that most had never been to the final destination and how they would like to explore both sides of the border corridor in more detail in the future. Overall, it was a fun challenge and the young people enjoyed planning the route themselves, buying tickets and making their connections.

The Youth Leadership Project is funded by the PEACEPLUS Programme, awarded by the Louth PEACEPLUS Partnership and supported by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).



Race Across the Border Participants in Dundalk



Race Across the Border Participants in Warrenpoint

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Training

Social Media – Wednesday 3rd June at 7pm online

Topics covered included:

- Introduction to X, Instagram, Facebook
- Introduction to effective content writing
- Search engine optimisation & Web analytics
- How to create an integrated online strategy for a community organisation

Marketing & Branding in the Age of AI – Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th June at 7pm online

Topics covered included:

- AI foundations for marketing and brand strategy
- Create and personalise content with AI
- Marketing campaigns and action planning with AI

In-Person Workshops on Artificial Intelligence

In collaboration with Louth Libraries and Age Friendly Louth, Louth PPN co-hosted a series of in-person workshops aimed at supporting those wishing to learn basic skills in relation to Chat GPT, Co-Pilot and other forms of AI.

Social Media Support Contract

Louth PPN has been working with a digital media manager to increase online engagement with members and the wider community. On 6th June, Louth PPN received a report showing that since the beginning of the contract, there has been an increase of:

- 307% views
- 330% reach
- 381.3% interactions
- 79.4% page visits

These figures show that Louth PPN's engagement rates are currently performing well above industry averages, demonstrating that the new content strategy is resonating strongly with members and encouraging meaningful interaction.

Healthy Louth

Sanctuary Runners Launch in Dundalk

Healthy Louth supported the launch of the Sanctuary Runners Ireland initiative at the Dundalk Park Run, marking the group's first official run in the town. With established groups already active in Drogheda and Ardee, the expansion into Dundalk represents a positive step in strengthening inclusive, community-based wellbeing initiatives across the county.

The event demonstrated strong alignment with Healthy Louth's strategic priorities. The atmosphere was notably warm, welcoming and inclusive, reflecting the core values of community cohesion and social connection. Participants engaged in shared activity, informal networking and early planning for future sessions, highlighting the initiative's potential to foster sustained engagement and integration.



Sanctuary Runners in Dundalk

Extension of Round 4 – Healthy Ireland Fund

Recent correspondence from the Department of Health confirmed there will be a further extension to the timeframe for delivery under Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 from 31st December 2026 to 31st December 2027.

This 12-month extension will provide additional time to:

- Progress approved outcomes and the achievement of full spend under HIF Round 4
- Further embed the outcomes-based approach
- Align planning for the next round of HIF with the outcome of the review process of the broader Healthy Ireland Framework.

LCDC Health & Wellbeing Sub Committee Meeting

The Health & Wellbeing Sub Committee met for its second meeting of 2026 on Thursday 25th June, to review the progress on successful completion of Round 4 funding, with an update provided on the proposed 2026–2030 framework.

LEADER

Development led by local communities

LEADER Project Funding Approved: The LAG, at its June meeting, approved funding support, in the amount of **€458,153.23** for 7 LEADER projects. To date, total funding allocated to LEADER projects in

Louth, including the most recent approvals, amounts to **€1,824,894.22**, which is 49.5% of the total programme budget.

The projects supported are county wide under the 3 LEADER Themes of:

- Economic Development and Job Creation.
- Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
- Sustainable Development of Rural Environment & Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation

Recent funding paid to beneficiaries under the LEADER Programme:

PROMOTER NAME	AMOUNT €
Cúchulainn Gaels Omeath Walking Track	€36,376.04
Ardee & District Cancer Support Peregrine House Cancer Support Centre	€53,280.36
Abaile Autism Support CLG Creative Arts Neurodivergent Youth	€9,079.87
Tullyallen Community Centre Project Connect	€8,460.82
TOTAL	€107,197.09

Blue Flag Beaches

The Blue Flag beach season has now commenced with effect from 1st June. Lifeguards will be present at all three Blue Flag beaches on weekends throughout June. From July until 15th September, lifeguard services will operate daily to support the safety of beach users.



Launch of Blue Flag Beach Season 2026

Louth In Bloom 2026 Competition

The Community Support team launched its annual environmental competition, Louth in Bloom 2026, on 29th May. Entries and nominations are currently being

invited across the following categories: Best Garden, Best Estate, Best Business/Hospitality Premises, and Best Biodiversity Project.

Further details on this year's competition are available on the Council website or by contacting louthinbloom@louthcoco.ie. The closing date for submissions is Friday, 10th July.



Launch of the Louth in Bloom 2026 Competition at County Hall, Dundalk



PEACEPLUS

Procurement

Requests for tender for a “Conservation Architect–Led Multidisciplinary Team for Detailed Design, Construction Management and Handover of Renovation and Upgrade Works to St Nicholas’ Church of Ireland, Dundalk” closed on 2nd June. A tender assessment board has been appointed to assess the submissions received.

Contract Signing

On 30th June, the contract for “Introduction to Community Restorative Justice in Louth”—under the Celebrating Cultures & Diversity Programme within the PEACEPLUS Action Plan—was signed.

The two-year contract will deliver two cross-border symposiums exploring perceived prejudice, discrimination, demonisation and social justice issues experienced by ex-prisoners and their families. The total contract value is €14,280.



PEACEPLUS Programme contract signing with representatives from CRJ Ireland along with members of the PEACEPLUS Partnership Committee

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Offer A Home Programme

Property Figures as of 25/06/2026

Properties offered in June	0
Families moved into properties in June	0
Expressions of interest in being accommodated received from families in June	7
Property offers recorded to date	86
Owners successfully contacted to date	84
Properties currently occupied	34
Beneficiaries currently assigned	113
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	20
Properties not viable to date	21

Local Authority Integration Team

Immigrant Council of Ireland – National Conference

The LAIT team was privileged to attend the Immigrant Council of Ireland's 7th Annual Conference in Dublin on 3rd June; an inspiring and insightful event that brought together voices committed to inclusion and equality. The day was marked by a powerful keynote address from President Catherine Connolly, whose speech highlighted the importance of solidarity, respect, and human rights in shaping a fair society. Equally impactful was the address from CEO Ms. Teresa Buczkowska, who underscored ongoing challenges while celebrating progress achieved

through partnership and advocacy. The conference provided valuable learning, strengthened connections and reaffirmed Louth LAIT's commitment to supporting diverse communities across the region today.



President Catherine Connolly speaking at the Immigrant Council of Ireland National Conference

Involvim Meeting

The INVOLVIM transnational partner meeting, hosted in Drogheda and across County Louth on 16th and 17th June, provided a dynamic and collaborative opportunity for exchange among European partners, with Development Perspectives acting as the Irish host organisation. Delegations from Finland, Slovenia, Portugal and Poland shared knowledge, strengthened partnerships and explored community development in an Irish context. Site visits showcased best practice, including Louth Local Development Company in Dundalk, focusing on social inclusion and lifelong learning; Tallanstown Community Garden, highlighting grassroots sustainability; and LMETB in Drogheda, demonstrating education and workforce initiatives. The engagement fostered exchange, identified challenges and encouraged future collaboration across Europe.



Involvim Meeting in County Louth

Refugee Week Events

The Taste of All Nations event in the Barbican, Drogheda on 21st June, brought together communities to celebrate culture through food, music and shared stories. Vibrant stalls showcased cuisines from around the world, offering visitors a chance to sample authentic dishes while meeting the people behind them. Live performances and colourful displays created a welcoming atmosphere that encouraged connection and curiosity. Families and friends mingled comfortably, highlighting Drogheda's diversity and inclusivity. The event not only delighted tastebuds but also strengthened community spirit and mutual appreciation, leaving attendees inspired and eager for future gatherings. Truly a memorable celebration for everyone involved.



Taste of all Nations Event at the Barbican, Drogheda

The Louth Volunteer Centre Refugee Day event, held on 20th June at Dowdallshill Grounds in Dundalk, was a vibrant celebration of resilience, diversity and community spirit. The gathering honoured refugees and the remarkable journeys they have undertaken to build new lives in Ireland. Attendees enjoyed cultural performances, music, food and storytelling, creating an atmosphere of inclusion and shared understanding. The event highlighted the valuable contributions refugees make locally, while fostering connection and empathy among all who attended. It served as a powerful reminder of the strength found in unity and the importance of welcoming those seeking safety and belonging.

The Louth Local Development Company Refugee Day event at the Haymarket in Drogheda on 19th June was a powerful celebration of unity, diversity and shared humanity. A central highlight was the reading of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 22 different languages, delivered by individuals from countries across the globe. This moving tribute

reflected the rich cultural fabric of the community and reinforced the universal importance of dignity, equality, and respect for all. The event brought people together in solidarity, honouring the experiences of refugees while promoting inclusivity, understanding and a strong sense of belonging in the local area.



Louth Local Development Company Refugee Day Event in Drogheda



Louth Community Safety Partnership

Louth Community Safety Partnership Joint Meeting

On Wednesday, 24th June, the Louth Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) and the Newry, Mourne and Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) hosted a joint meeting at the Carrickdale Hotel, bringing together key stakeholders from across the region to strengthen collaboration on community safety.

The meeting featured contributions from a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP; Newry, Mourne and Down District Council; Louth LCSP; Louth County Council; the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI); An Garda Síochána; and Cooley Peninsula Community Alert.

Following the presentations, participants took part in focus group sessions, which explored both the challenges and opportunities for enhanced cross-border cooperation. Key themes included information sharing, joint problem-solving, prevention initiatives, and the role of community engagement in improving

safety outcomes. The event marks a significant step towards strengthening regional collaboration and ensuring a more coordinated, effective response to community safety across the border region.



Cllr. Michelle Hall speaking at the Joint Meeting of the LCSP and PCSP in the Carrickdale Hotel

Property Marking Scheme

The Property Marking Scheme continues to be successfully delivered across County Louth in Ardee, Roche, Omeath and Dundalk, led by the Louth Community Safety Partnership with support from An Garda Síochána, Cooley Community Alert and local groups. The initiative helps deter theft and improve property recovery by marking valuable items with unique codes. Strong community engagement resulted in hundreds of items marked, which in turn increases awareness of crime prevention. The Community Safety Partnership plans to build on this success with further community safety initiatives across County Louth.



Property Marking in County Louth

Sport

Dundalk Sports Centre

Active Ageing Fitness Assessments

Fitness assessments were conducted during the month of June in Dundalk Sports Centre with older adult participants, to evaluate functional ability, mobility, strength and overall health. The aim was to establish a baseline, identify potential risks and support safe exercise participation. Tests included the 6 Minute Walk Test (cardiovascular endurance), Hand Grip Strength (upper body strength), Timed Up and Go (mobility and balance), 30-Second Sit to Stand (lower body strength) and the Short Physical Performance Battery (balance, gait speed and strength). Results provided insight into independence and capacity, identified strengths and areas for improvement, and informed tailored programmes while highlighting risks such as reduced mobility or falls.



Active Ageing Fitness Assessments at Dundalk Sports Centre

Lourdes Stadium

Bowls Red Robin

A Red Robin event for bowls players began on Monday, 22nd June. This competition involves players rotating through a series of short matches, typically in small groups. It is intended to be fast paced while still allowing participants to face a variety of opponents. The event also serves as one of the first competitive opportunities for our new members who recently completed the Introduction to Bowls course. It has been fantastic to see so many new players making use of the outdoor bowls facilities in recent weeks.



Red Robin Bowls Event

Special Olympics

Several athletes from the Irish Special Olympics team continued their training programme at Lourdes Stadium throughout June. Their consistent presence has brought great energy to the facility and reinforces our commitment to providing inclusive, high-quality training environments for athletes of all abilities. With the Special Olympics taking place from 18th to 21st June, staff extended their best wishes to the team and were proud to support their final preparations during this important period.

Louth Local Sports Partnership

Coach & Volunteer Education Programmes 2026

Louth Local Sports Partnership facilitated the following coach & volunteer education courses in June 2026.

Activity	Date	Venue
Safeguarding Level 1	4 th June	Online
Safeguarding Level 1	18 th June	Online
First Aid Training	25 th June	Online

Women's Social Tag Rugby

Louth Local Sports Partnership, in collaboration with Leinster Rugby and Dundalk R.F.C., delivered a Women's Social Tag Rugby programme at Dundalk Institute of Technology. This was a six-week programme ending on 17th June.

The programme provided women with the opportunity to experience tag rugby in a fun, supportive and non-competitive environment, with a strong emphasis on enjoyment, social interaction and skill development. It was particularly aimed at those who were new to rugby or returning to physical activity, offering an accessible entry point into the sport.

Sessions took place on Wednesday evenings at DKIT and attracted steady participation throughout the

programme. Feedback from participants highlighted the relaxed atmosphere and inclusive nature of the sessions. Participants benefited from both the physical activity and the opportunity to build social connections within a welcoming group setting.



Women's Social Tag Rugby at DKIT

Northeast Disability Services Football Blitz

Louth Local Sports Partnership supported the team at Rehab Dundalk through the Small Club & Community Grant Scheme, contributing towards the purchase of a kit for their newly established football team.

This funding helped reduce practical barriers to participation, enabling the group to become more actively involved in sport and physical activity. As a result, a new football team was successfully established, providing participants with a structured and inclusive opportunity to engage in the game.

The team recently participated in the Northeast Disability Services Football Blitz, hosted by Drogheda United F.C. This event provided valuable opportunities for players to take part in competitive matches, develop their skills, and connect with other teams from across the region.



Rehab Dundalk Team at the Northeast Disability Services Football Blitz in Drogheda

Journey to Hell & Back with Youth of Louth Traveller Movement

This initiative was delivered under the Sport4Empowerment (S4E) remit through the ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Framework, in partnership with Louth Traveller Movement and Louth Local Development.

Using sport as a tool for inclusion, the programme supported traveller boys through a structured 10-week journey, focusing on developing confidence, resilience and social connection. Weekly activities provided a safe and engaging environment for participants to build relationships, improve wellbeing and engage positively with physical activity.

The programme culminated in participation at Hell & Back Junior on Sunday 7th June, offering a rewarding and challenging experience that celebrated the progress and achievements of the group. The Louth LSP ESF+ Officer played a key role in the delivery of the initiative, coordinating partners, managing resources, and supporting the planning and delivery of experiential activities. In addition, the officer led the monitoring and evaluation process, ensuring that outcomes were aligned with the objectives of the S4E framework.



Youth of Louth Traveller Movement at Hell & Back Junior

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 May 2026 – 12th June 2026 can be summarised as follows:

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

13th May 2026 to 12th June, 2026	Ardee MD	Dundalk MD	Drogheda MD	Total
Offered advice, support (including fast tracking H.A. for Rent Supplement eligibility)	8	147	101	256
Placed in Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	12	30	42
Refused Offer of Temporary Emergency Accommodation	0	1	6	7
Not eligible from outside county or non HRC	0	0	0	0
Total number of Person who presented as Homeless	8	160	137	305

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

May 2026	17
Total for 2026	54

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

Number of tenancies established	57
Number of individuals currently in tenancy	39

Tables 4 - 7 below reflect details of the adults who were in emergency accommodation in County Louth on 12th June 2026. Also included at Table 5 is the breakdown of families in emergency accommodation at that date.

Tábla 4: Inscne / Table 4: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	91
Female	52
Total	143

Tábla 5: Aoisghrúpaí / Table 5: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	23
25-44	78
45-64	36
65+	6
Total	143

**Tábla 6: Saghas Loistín
/ Table 6: Accommodation Type**

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)	48
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	95
Total unique individuals	143

**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	13	16	28

Couples with dependent children	2	4	3
Total	15	20	31

Leithdháileadh Tithíochta, Meitheamh 2026 / Housing Allocations, June 2026

20th May 2026 – 17th June 2026	LA	LA Refusals	AHB	AHB Refusals	Allocation YTD
Ardee	8	2	2	0	24
Drogheda	33	6	6	0	148
Dundalk	7	4	4	9	174
Total	48	12	12	9	346

Aistrithe / Transfers

20th May, 2026 – 17th June, 2026	Transfers
Ardee	0
Drogheda	0
Dundalk	0
Total	0

Liosta Tithe / Housing List

As at 17th June, 2026	Ardee	Drogheda	Dundalk	Total
Housing List	367	687	1150	2204
HAP Transfer List	266	785	1480	2531
Total Housing List	633	1472	2630	4735

There are **326** applications on the transfer list (Non HAP) within Social Housing including **66** applications from the Approved Housing Bodies.

Bainisteoireacht Chíosa / Rent Management

Current Rents on 23rd June 2026	No of Accounts	Value
Rents between 4-6 weeks old	210	93,607
Rents between 7-12 weeks old	180	154,176
Rents greater than 12 weeks old	946	3,515,619
TOTAL	1336	3,763,402

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 June 2026:

Letter Type	Month/Year	Number Issued
1st Reminder	June 2026	68
2nd Reminder	June 2026	138
Final Reminder	June 2026	39
Total issued		245

The total rental income received in 2026, to date, is **€8,839,193**. This is a 7% increase when compared to the equivalent period in 2025 (€8,237,347) and an 18% increase on 2024 (€7,488,083).

The total number of rents currently paid by Household Budget is **922**.

Customers that fall into arrears may enter into a payment plan for full repayment over an agreed period of time. **38** new payment plans commenced in June 2026 (up to and including 23rd June 2026).

Up to date rent statements were issued to all active tenants in the week commencing 15th June 2026.

Airionna Athlígíeán & Neamhní / Relet and Void Properties

Updated 24/06/2026

Relet / Void Properties on 24th June 2026	Total
Ardee Municipal District	3
Dundalk Municipal District	20
Drogheda Municipal Borough District	28
Total No. of Relet/Void Properties	51

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	22nd May 2026 – 23rd June 2026	Total (YTD)
No. of Maintenance Requests Received	802	6,355
No. of Maintenance Requests Completed	719	5,503
No. of Maintenance Requests in Progress	39	N/A
No. of Maintenance Requests Refused	44	391

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. 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
<u>Ardee MD:</u> Seaview, Annagassan=9 (Onsite) De La Salle Terrace, Ardee=19 (Appointed) Chestnut Grove, Tallanstown=4 (Onsite) St. Mary's Court, Louth Village=1 (Onsite) Ferdia Park, Ardee=1 (Completed) Sliabh Breagh, Ardee=1 (Appointed) Cherrywood Park, Tallanstown=1 (Onsite) Rockfield Close, Ardee=1 (Appointed) Clonmore, Ardee=1
<u>Dundalk MD:</u> Aghameen Park=12 (Onsite) Doolargy Avenue=38 (Onsite) Castlehill, Carlingford=4 (OPDs) (Onsite) Dundalk St, Carlingford=6 (OPDs) (Onsite) Mayfield, Haggardstown=10 (OPDs) (Appointed) Clooneevan, Haggardstown=10 (OPDs) (Appointed) St. Fursey's Terrace Blackrock= 8(OPDs) (Appointed) Gort na Glaise=44 (Appointed) Lios Dubh=6 (Appointed) Cooley Park, Dundalk=4 (Onsite) Barton Park=1 (Onsite) Woodview Park=1 (Onsite) Aisling Park=2 (Appointed) Villas 1= 1(Appointed) Oldbridge=1 (Complete) Churchview, Dromiskin= 20 (Appointed)
<u>Drogheda BD:</u> Moneymore=17(Onsite) Rathmullan Park=37 (Onsite) Marian Park=7 (Onsite) Scarlet Crescent=10 (Onsite) Acorn Way=1 (Complete) Fr. O'Donnell Park=5 (Onsite) Flanagan's Terrace=3 (Onsite) Beechwood Drive=1 (Completed) Brickfields, Drogheda=9 (Appointed) Pitcher Hill, Drogheda=1 (Complete) Chord Road=3 (Complete)

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 September, with tenants being notified in the coming weeks. A summary is provided, below.

Dundalk MD:

Mullaharlin Park= 20units

Drogheda BD:

Rathview Termonfeckin= 20 units.

Cigireachtaí ar Tithe Príobháideacha ar cíós / Private Rental Inspections

PRI Stats 2026

For 21st May 2026 – 23rd June 2026	June	YTD
Properties inspected monthly	114	913
Advisory letters issued	129	751
Improvement notices issued	3	15
Prohibition notices issued	0	3
Private Inspections	0	5
HAP First Inspections	27	229
RAS First Inspections	0	2
AHB First Inspections	35	315
Student Specific Accommodation (SSA)	0	22
Private Re-inspections	0	3

HAP Re-inspections	30	249
RAS Re-inspections	0	3
AHB Re-inspections	22	75
SSA Re-inspections	0	5
Inspections from Complaints	0	5
Properties Made Compliant	23	87

Launch of Louth County Council's New Tenant Handbook

On 28th May, Louth County Council launched its new Tenant Handbook at an event attended by staff, councillors, and tenants. The handbook provides clear and practical guidance on tenancy responsibilities, services, and supports, helping tenants understand their rights and obligations.

Attendees were introduced to the resource, with an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about its content. To ensure accessibility, the handbook is available in printed format, while a key ring featuring a QR code provides instant access to the online version.

This approach supports convenient, inclusive access to important information and strengthens communication between the Council and its tenants across the county and promotes continued tenant engagement initiatives.





Photos: From the Tenant Handbook Launch event that took place 28th May 2026

Páirtíocht Tionóntachta /Tenancy Engagement

22nd May 2026– 23rd June 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly Total	Yearly Total
No. Tenants who attended Pre-tenancy training	16	0	12	28	166
Post-tenancy inspections	3	12	26	41	235
Tenancy Investigation Visits	11	3	8	22	124

Anti-Social Behaviour

22nd May 2026– 23rd June 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
ASB Cases* Received	12	2	6	20	121
ASB cases Ongoing	2	1	11	14	-
ASB cases complete	15	4	20	39	114

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

22nd May 2026– 23rd June 2026	Drogheda	Ardee	Dundalk	Monthly	Yearly
Verbal Warnings	1	2	6	9	17
Written Tenancy Notifications	1	0	0	1	5
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.	8
Section 15(2) Notifications Issued	Final notice – property reverts to Council possession	8
Properties Surrendered Following Tenancy Compliance Engagement	Voluntary surrender after compliance discussions.	0
Illegal Occupants	Instances where properties were found to be occupied without lawful tenancy and action was taken in line with legislation.	3

Tithíocht Inacmhainne/ Affordable Housing

Approval has been granted for 31 affordable houses as follows:

2 Affordable Purchase Schemes going live at noon on Monday June 22nd:
St Furseys Park, Dundalk, 6 houses and Bayview, Dundalk, 8 houses.
Dowdalls Court, Dundalk expected to go live on July 13th (17 houses).

There is one additional scheme with the Department awaiting approval. This is for eight houses in Bellfield.



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 June, the Council purchased two properties.



Recently acquired properties in Dundalk

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

Active MTR Applications Total	27
AHB MTR Applications Active	6
AHB MTR completed 2026	2
Private MTR Applications Active	19
Private MTR completed 2026	4
MTR Application Awaiting Purchaser	2

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 22/06/2026	€1,874,740
Breakdown of LAHL applications processed at the 22nd June, 2026	
Total Number of Applications 22/06/2026	24
LAHL carried over from 2025	4
Invalid/Returned	7
Approved	11
Declined	3
For Review	1
Outstanding – waiting on further information	6

Deontas Athchóirithe D'áras Folamh / Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Submitted:	427
Approved:	317
Rejected:	29
Withdrawn	56
Other (FI Requests, First Site Inspections)	25
Funding Issued to Applicant	163
Principal Private Residence	308
Rental Applications	119
Vacant Grant Applications	211
Derelict top-up Applications	216

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

Due to the high level of demand and the extent to which the 2026 housing grants allocation is already committed, Louth County Council has paused the general acceptance of new Housing Adaptation Grants (HAGS), Mobility Aid Grants (MAGs) and Housing for Older Persons Grants (HOPs) applications.

The pause is effective from the close of business on Friday, 1st May 2026.

Priority 1 (emergency) applications will continue to be accepted and processed on a case-by-case basis, subject to available funding.

As defined by DHLGH guidelines, Priority 1 applications relate to cases where the applicant:

- Is terminally ill
- is primarily dependent on family or a carer
- requires adaptations to the home that would support them leaving hospital/residential care

The Housing Grants team will also continue to process existing (already received) HAG and MAG applications in order of priority, date received, and subject to funding.

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

On 9th March 2026, Louth County Council received its departmental allocation for 2026, amounting to **€4,139,540**.

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

Recent Private Housing Grant Works Completed



New Door completed in Ardee with funding Provided with a HOP



Stairlift completed in Dundalk, with funding provided provided with a MAG

Status	HAG	MAG	HOP	Month	YTD
Applications on Hand 24/06/2026	168	7	260		435
Grants Approved 23/05/2026 – 24/06/2026	9	1	26	36	135

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.

Works Appointed	37 minor adaptations	2 extension 3 modular extensions 1 extension funded under TAP
Of these Works onsite/ completed	21 minor adaptations	2 extensions / 2 modular extensions /1 TAP extension.

Seachadadh Nua Tóg / New Build Delivery

SHIP	740
CALF	289
CAS	49
TOTAL	1,078

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	147	314	461
Total	1,323	1,739	314	2,053

Capital Housing Delivery

Rathmullen Park Infill Housing Scheme – Contract Signing

In June Louth County Council signed a contract with CJ Callan Construction Ltd. for the delivery of a new infill social housing development at Rathmullen Park, Drogheda. The Scheme will deliver four high-quality family homes comprising two 2-bedroom houses, one 3-bedroom house, and one 4-bedroom house. The scheme will also include associated site works, landscaping, and enhancements to existing car parking facilities.



Rathmullen Park Infill Housing Scheme – Contract signing

Greenhills Grange – visit by Older People's Council & Age Friendly Alliance

On 11th June, the Older People's Council and Age Friendly Alliance visited the newly completed Greenhills Grange development in Drogheda. The tour, delivered by Louth County Council's Housing Capital Team, showcased the 46 age-friendly units and accessible public open spaces. The visit highlighted the importance of high-quality, accessible housing that supports independent living for older people.

SHIP Delivery

Project Name	Project Phase	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	<u>Projected Substantial Completion Date</u>	Unit Type
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	2/3	32	Complete	31/12/2025	17 * 3 bed, 15 * 2 bed Apt
Boice Court, Mell, Drogheda (Phase 2)	3/3	27	Complete	20/05/2026	4 * 3 bed, 2 * 4 bed, 8 * 1 bed Apt, 5 * 2 bed Apt & 8 * 3 bed Apt
Fulacht Fia, Mount Avenue, Dundalk	1/2	52	Complete	20/05/2026	20 * 2 bed, 17 * 3 bed, 3 * 4 bed, 2 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Apt
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	On-Site	31/12/2026	28 * 2 bed, 24 * 3 bed, 5 * 4 bed, 1 * 5 bed
Greenhills Grange, Newtown Link Road, Drogheda	1/1	46	Complete	29/05/2026	42 * 2 bed, 3 * 3 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	PPP Bundle 5 Funding Approved 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	1/1	27	On-site	31/08/2026	2 * 3 bed, 13 * 4 bed, 6 * 1 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed duplex

Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	4/5	12	On-site	31/08/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Seven Winds, North Road, Drogheda	5/5	12	On-site	30/09/2026	6 * 2 bed Apt, 6 * 3 bed Duplex
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda	3/3	1	Completed	17/06/2026	1 * 3 bed
Gort Mell, Slane Road, Drogheda	3/3	1	On-site	31/07/2026	1 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda	3/4	7	On-site	31/07/2026	2 * 2 bed, 5 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Village, Drogheda	4/4	7	On-site	31/08/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda	1/2	2	On-site	31/07/2026	2 * 3 bed
Beaulieu Banks Ph 1, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda	2/2	17	On-site	30/06/2027	8 * 1 bed Apt, 4 * 2 bed Apt, 5 * 3 bed
Bruach na hAbhann, Castletown Road, Dundalk	1/1	7	On-site	31/07/2026	3 * 3 bed, 4 * 4 bed
Ferrard Park Phase 2, Twenties, Drogheda	1/1	16	On-site	31/08/2026	16 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	4	Completed	23/04/2026	4 * 2 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	2	Completed	19/05/2026	2 * 4 bed
Ushers Mill (Ph 4 & 6A), Twenties, Drogheda	3/3	8	On-site	30/06/2026	8 * 3 bed

Seachadadh CAS/CAS Delivery

Project Name	AHB	Total Number of Social Units Expected	Project Status	<u>Projected Substantial Completion Date</u>	Unit Type
Newtown Woods, Termonfeckin Road, Drogheda, Co Louth	Foscadh Housing Association	9	Withdrawn	31/04/2026	Eight *1 Bed House One*2 Bed House
Tierney Street, Ardee, Co Louth	St John of Gods	7	Stage 3 Approved	31/06/2027	One*3 Bed house One*4 Bed house
Barrack Street, Dundalk, Co Louth	Dublin Simon	21	Stage 2 Approved	15/06/2027	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	<u>Projected Substantial Completion Date</u>	Unit Type
Gullion Park Finnabair Dundalk Co- Operative Housing Ireland	2/2	94	0	Complete	31/12/2025	• 36 x 1 Bed Apt • 52 x Two Bed Apt • 6 x Three Bed
Avourwen Meadows, Drogheda, Co. Louth Oaklee	1/1	50	45/5	On Site	31/10/2026	• 18 One Bed Apt • 32 Two Bed Apt

Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	1/2	12	0	On site	31/07/2026	• 6 Two Bed House • 6 Three Bed House
Hearthfield, Mount Avenue Dundalk Tuath	2/2	30	0	On Site	31/10/2026	• 18 One Bed Apt • 12 Two Bed Apt
Gernon Place, Castlebellingham Co. Louth	2/2	10	9/1	Onsite	30/08/2026	• 2 Three bed Houses • 4 Two Bed Apts • 4 Three Bed Duplex
EdenHill Mews, Blackrock, Co Louth	1/1	29	26/3	Onsite	31/08/2026	• 6 Three Bed Apt • 18 Two Bed Apt • 5 Three Bed Houses
Racecourse Meadows with Circle	3/3	19	0	On Site	30/08/2026	• 10 Three Bed Houses • 9 Two Bed Apartments
St Furseys with Cluid	1/1	24	17/7	Proposal	31/08/2026	• 24 Two Bed Apartments
Boat Trench Ardee with North & East	1/3	8	4/4	Approved	1/4/2024	• 6 One Bed Bungalows • 2 Two bed Bungalows
Boat Trench Ardee with North & East	2/3	11		Approved	31/10/2027	• 10 One Bed Bungalows • 1 Two Bed Bungalows
Boat Trench Ardee with North & East	3/3	2		Approved	24/04/2028	• 2 One Bed Bungalows

Seirbhísí Cultúrtha / Cultural Services

An Chartlann / Archives



Archives Entrance Gate Sign

Recent Acquisitions

A photograph album of Ardee House, dating from c.1916–1920, has been donated to Louth County Archives by John Rafferty, Vice President of the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society. The album was entrusted to him by Mrs Caroline Ballantyne, great-granddaughter of Captain John St Clair Macmillan and Gwedolen Maud Macmillan, who wished it to be preserved for public research.

Ardee House, now St Joseph's Nursing Home, was built c.1810 by William Parkinson Ruxton, and later became the Macmillan family residence. The album provides a rare visual record of the house, its gardens, meadows, groves, and the nearby tower house known locally as Flemings Castle.



Ardee House Photo Album

Research Enquiries

A small sample of enquiries handled last month includes historical vehicle registrations; housing development drawings; a water agreement with a local business; family history sources; historical postcards of Blackrock; and St Brigid's Hospital, Ardee.

Leabharlanna / Libraries

During April, Louth County Council Library Service delivered 50 Right to Read: Spring into Storytime

events, engaging 1,171 participants across the county, demonstrating strong community engagement and the continued impact of national library programmes at local level.

Right to Read: My Little Library Bag

Children aged 4–6 and their families are invited to participate in the My Little Library Bag initiative this month. Delivered in partnership with the Local Government Management Agency and funded by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, this national programme provides each child with a bag containing two free books, to support their transition to primary school, alongside guidance for parents. Working in collaboration with Early Learning Centres and primary schools across the county, the initiative encourages families to engage with their local library and begin their membership and reading journey.

Right to Read: Book Monsters

Creative engagement in reading was further supported through the Book Monster Sticker Competition, which received over 1,000 entries from children across Louth. This strong response reflects both the enthusiasm of young readers and effective collaboration between our library staff teams and schools.

The winning designs will feature as part of the Summer Stars programme, helping to sustain interest in reading this summer, through this annual creative, child-centred literacy initiative.

Skills for Life Programme

Through the Skills for Life programme, Louth County Council Library Service continues to build digital confidence across communities. Courses delivered in Dundalk and Dunleer focused on essential skills such as using personal devices, understanding online safety, recognising scams and misinformation, and engaging responsibly with digital media. This work aligns to our technology and life-long learning strategic objectives to ensure accessible, high-impact learning opportunities for all. Further workshops on AI are scheduled across Dundalk, Dunleer and Ardee, strengthening community capacity to engage with these emerging technologies.

Events, Outreach and Cultural Programming

Key highlights this month included intergenerational storytelling events for Bealtaine in Dundalk and Carlingford, together with the "C.S. Lewis and the Wee County" talk in Drogheda, which promoted engagement with local literary heritage.

Outreach is central to service delivery, with engagement through community storytimes, participation in the Louth ABC Dundalk A.C.T. Network event, and targeted work with groups such as the Cooley Farming Community, ensuring inclusive and accessible services reach diverse audiences.

Collaborative programming with the iconic international Jaipur Literature Festival brought high-quality literary and artistic experiences to local audiences in Dundalk, while Biodiversity Week, delivered in partnership with the Council's Biodiversity Officer, offered a range of creative and educational activities promoting environmental sustainability and community wellbeing. Celebrations marking the centenary of Sir David Attenborough also supported sustainability awareness and lifelong learning.

Na hEalaíona / Arts

Public Art

Assessment panels are finalising decisions for the 6 Public Art sculptures and 3 Public Art residencies that closed in late May. It is expected the 9 successful artists will be announced by the end of June.

Highlanes Gallery

Ceiliúradh: Treasures of the Boyne Valley exhibition was opened on 8th May by Cllr Michelle Hall, Mayor of Drogheda. This community curated exhibition celebrates the diversity and richness of the region and is reflected through a selection of works from both the Drogheda Municipal Collection and by 3 invited contemporary artists.

The opening featured a short Q&A session with the artists. This special exhibition is one of many key events in this, the 20th anniversary year of Highlanes Gallery opening.

An Táin Arts Centre

Exhibition: North Louth artists are back with their annual exhibition which opened on 7th May. This independent group of artists present a cross section of new work, highlighting the diverse approaches of its members. Featured artists include Derek Bell, Sandra Bell, Omin, Rosemary Warren, Kate Beagan, and Irene Woods. The exhibition will run until the end of June.

Droichead Arts Centre

Night Moves continued in May with Songs of Longing with Paddy Connolly in the gallery space of

Droichead Arts Centre on 8th May, as well as a special Sound Town Night events in The Coffee Box café on 29th May. Night Moves is an innovative night-time cultural programme led by Droichead Arts Centre in collaboration with Drogheda's Night Time Economy.

Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓg preparations are well underway with events planned across the county for the National Cruinniú na nÓg day on Saturday 6th June. Several workshops began in May with songwriting and spoken word in Droichead as part of the Night Time Economy event. While in Dundalk special photography and cyanotype printing workshops began in Creative Spark for teenagers with a special exhibition planned for Cruinniú day.

For more information on Cruinniú na nÓg check out the national website

www.cruinniú.gov.ie/events/location/louth/

or email creativeireland@louthcoco.ie

An Iarsmalann / Museum



County Quiz winners 2026, St. Fursey's NS.

The Museum marked International Museums' Day this year with its annual County Quiz for National Schools held on the 18th May. St. Fursey's NS, Haggardstown won through as the winners of the perpetual shield. The Museum also hosted several 'behind-the-scenes' workshops for the county's national schools. The workshops are designed to introduce the principles of collection management and care to children and continue to prove popular with all audiences.

In addition, the Museum in association with the Old Dundalk Society hosted a lecture on Dundalk's response to the Belfast Blitz.

Work on the development of the Museum's strategy for 2026-2030 continues with an online survey inviting contributions from the public to the future direction of the County Museum service.

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 fónais 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)

The outcome of applications made by LCC under category 1B of the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund (formerly URDF) in respect of Westgate, Drogheda and St. Nicholas Quarter, Dundalk is awaited. The scheme was launched on 5th March and the closing date for applications was 1st May. A category 1A (project development) application was made in respect of the Park Street area of Dundalk.

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 the concept will be brought forward to Part 8 planning with full public consultation in the coming weeks.



Visit of Minister James Browne TD to St. Nicholas Quarter

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.

Direct engagement with property owners in **Drogheda** and **Dundalk** continued throughout the reporting period under the **URDF Call Three Fund**. This work has already resulted in several property sales and the initiation of early-stage development activity. Recent meetings with owners in both towns have progressed constructively, supporting the preparation of plans aimed at returning these buildings to productive use.

A full review of all properties included in this programme is underway and will be completed **mid-year**, providing an updated and accurate assessment of progress to date and identifying priority actions for the period ahead.

This ongoing engagement will contribute to a clearer understanding of properties successfully brought back into use, as well as those that remain vacant, ensuring a more targeted and effective approach to addressing vacancy in both towns.

New **Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs)** are also under consideration for Dundalk and Drogheda. While the CPO process can be lengthy due to potential objections and negotiations with property owners, preparatory work is advancing and will continue over the coming period.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects (RRDF)

Dunleer – Energising the Community

A tender process is underway to appoint a design team to this project. Following the completion of their Town Centre First Plan, Dunleer was successful in attaining RRDF funding to support bringing elements of the Plan to Part 8 stage.

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. A new RRDF call has now opened and it is planned that Carlingford will be the subject of a funding application.

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 Pleanála - Ref: ACP-323972-25

Tionscadail Breise / Additional Projects **St Laurence's Gate Plaza, Drogheda**

Engagement with the National Monuments is progressing as part of the consultation for the Part 8 process. Archaeological investigations are also

ongoing in parallel and Ministerial Consent has been obtained in respect of these works (trail trenches).

Play Spaces

St Dominic's Park & The Glen

The proposed extension and refurbishment of the play park at St. Dominic's Park, Drogheda, received Part 8 planning at the June meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda.

The Public Display period for the Part 8 proposals for a new playground at The Glen, Drogheda has ended. Submissions are currently being reviewed, and the project will go to the September meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda for approval.

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 Navy Bank, Dundalk. The Part 8 proposals include camper van parking, a playground and a car park.

Omeath

A design team has been appointed to develop a plan for the rejuvenation of the Omeath Playground and its surrounds. An initial consultation event with the public is planned for mid-July.

Dundalk Demense

The Dundalk Demense refurbishment and enhancement project is approaching completion. This project was funded by the Community Recognition Fund and the works are being undertaken by Mullacurry.



Demense works

Merryweather Building, Dundalk

Part 8 documents have been prepared for the redevelopment of the former pumphouse at Meadow Grove, Dundalk. Upon completion it is proposed that the building will display the Dundalk Fire Station Merryweather fire tender.

The proposal will go on public display in the coming weeks and a briefing for the Dundalk MD members will be arranged in advance of publication.

Capital Delivery Team

Funding streams

A new round of CLÁR funding for 2026 has opened. In addition to the Cooley Peninsula, the electoral division of Castlebellingham has also been included in the scheme this year. Measure 1 of the scheme, *Developing Community Facilities & Amenities*, is administered by local authorities and community groups can make an application for up to €100,000 in funding.

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.

Muirhevnamore District Park

Following the completion of reseeding and landscaping works, the project revitalising the park has now been completed. This project was supported by 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. This will form Phase 1 of works in the area.

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

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

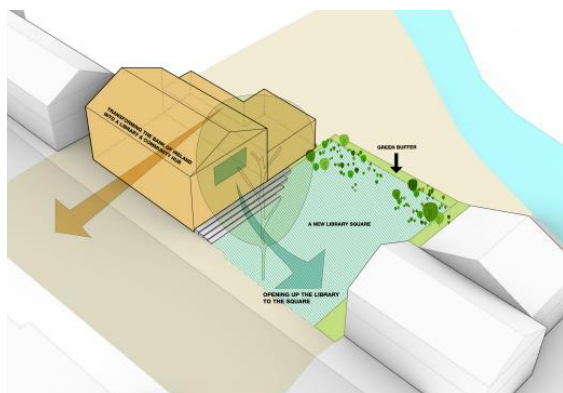
Tionscadail Tosaíochta do Lár an Bhaile / Town Centre First Projects



Town Centre First Plan – Clogherhead

The Town Centre First Plan has been adopted by the Clogherhead Town Team and is to be officially launched later this summer. 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 town's coastal location and built heritage.

Town Centre First Plan – Dunleer



Architects have been appointed to carry out the design of a pocket square for Dunleer. The project will provide a public space in the centre of the town utilising the site's riverside setting and location at the centre of the town. The Council will engage with the Dunleer Town Team in relation to design options for the public space. This project is one of the proposals from the Dunleer Town Centre First Plan.

Vacant Homes Officer

The **Vacant Homes Officer** continues to actively engage with property owners, outlining the range of funding supports available to help bring vacant and

under-used properties back into productive use. This includes the **Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant** and other relevant schemes aimed at tackling dereliction and encouraging reuse.

In parallel, the **CPO process** has now commenced for three priority properties—two in Drogheda and one in Dundalk. Initial stages are underway, and further updates will be provided as the process progresses.

In addition to direct engagement with property owners, Council staff also **participated in the recent Chambers of Commerce/Louth County Council information session to local business owners**, where the range of grants and supports available to property owners was highlighted, including the recent designation of Drogheda and Dundalk under the Living Cities Initiative. This outreach forms part of our broader strategy to increase awareness and uptake of available schemes across the business community.

Members of the public are also encouraged to support this work by reporting empty or derelict homes in their area through the **VacantHomes.ie** platform, enabling the Council to inspect these properties and follow up appropriately.

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: - Works have begun on the installation of the temporary bracing for the skid track system.

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

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

The fixed span date of arrival has moved to Sept. due to the availability of the large barge. However the Contractor has confirmed that currently the project is still on programme.



650t Crane for temporary skid beam bracing installation.

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

Construction Contract – a formal contract signing for the main works was held on the 25th of May, with the award of the contract to Jons Civil Engineering Limited.



N53 Construction Contract Signing



Encapsulation system for the pylon to allow painting

Employers Representatives Contract – Atkins Realis have been appointed Employers Representatives to the scheme and will undertake the day to day supervision and administration of the project in conjunction with LCC and WMNRO.

The Contractor Jons Civil Engineering have set up their site compound in Annavackey and works commenced in May 2026. The Civils contract duration is 14 months.

LCC, the design team (WMNRO) and valuers are continuing to engage with the landowners, their agents, Utilities and all stakeholders on accommodation works, access and compensation.

N52 Ardee Bypass

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

The Council has been notified that that the case has been listed for case management in the Supreme Court on 8th July 2026.

Boyne Enterprise Link Road

As agreed, ESB (to deliver major capital power supply works) fast-tracked and completed their ducting works which commenced early May within our site boundaries to safeguard the need not to excavate through our new road/footpath in the future and to allow our works to commence.

The works in relation to the Council's project commenced on the 19th May. Works are ongoing and progressing well.



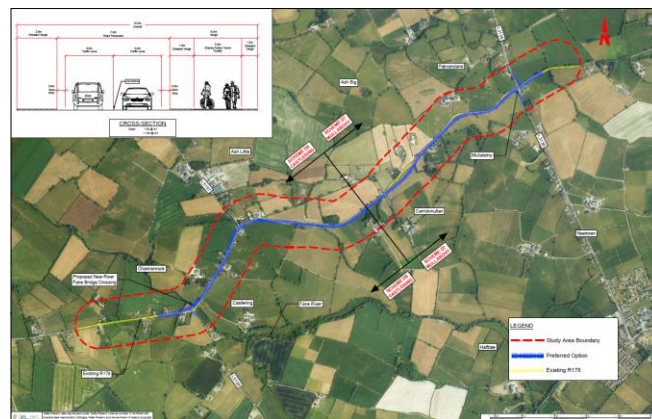
Footpath works



Drainage & Public Lighting Road Crossings

R178 Cavan to Dundalk Strategic Route Improvement Scheme

The Public Consultation Summary Report for the preferred route option has been completed and will be issued to Department for their information/comment – end of phase 2. Commencement of Phase 3 (preliminary design and environmental evaluation) began in May. Phase 3 Ecological walkover survey has been completed, and site investigation tender documentation has been issued, and we await submission of prices. Contractor has also been procured to carry out FWD and pavement coring along this stretch of roadway to aid the final design.



Emerging Preferred Route

Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) Phase 2.

Phase 2 of the PANCR is developer led. The developer has completed site clearance works in February and works have commenced by the main contractor in March, with a site compound being set up and topsoil stripping substantially complete.

Pavement capping and drainage works are continuing.

The Council Team continue to engage with the affected landowners.



CH300 – 1200mm Culvert

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

The Department have allocated c.€350k toward commencing detailed design for Phase 3. The preparation of tender documentation for a competent designer has commenced and is ongoing.

In parallel, the Council had submitted a funding application (€23.9m) to the Housing Activation Office under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) for the delivery of Phase 3 (inclusive of rail line underpass).

In respect of this application, the Council received notification on 17th June that the project has been accepted into HIIF programme and the delivery of Phase 3 will now progress through detailed design and construction. Engagement has already taken place with Irish Rail in respect of the rail underbridge aspect of the project with a view to ensuring a coordinated and timely delivery of this vital piece of infrastructure for Drogheda

Housing Investment Infrastructure Fund

In addition to PANCR Phase 3, the Council was successful in securing acceptance into the HIIF programme for our other two applications, namely Ash Walk Link Road, Ardee and Leonards Junction, Slane Road, Drogheda. Both projects will now be progressed.

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

Dundalk Bay to Carlingford Greenway

The emerging preferred route public consultation closed on the 27th of Feb, with 510 submissions received. The design team are currently collating the submissions to feed into the completion of the Options Selection Report which is planned to be published in the coming weeks.

Further details on the project can be found on the dedicated website:-

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

Tionscadail Corparáideach / Corporate Projects

Dominican Church/Library

Design works are ongoing for the proposed conversion of the Church to a library. The design team has provided a draft Stage 1 Report with the preferred optioneering. This is currently being

considered in the context of cost and floor space that is achievable within the confines of a listed building of this nature.

Dundalk Fire Station Training Centre

Stage 1 report has been completed and has been submitted to the Department (National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management) with approval being granted to proceed with full scheme at end of April 2026. Our consultants VH & Associates have been given instruction by Louth County Council to commence progressing with stage 2 (Statutory Planning Process and Design) of the project.

Currently the Part 8 Documentation is being progressed with aim to advertise in early July 2026. A briefing for the Dundalk MD meetings took place in June prior to the commencement of the Part 8.

Ardee Castle

Main Contractor has been appointed. The Works on the ground commenced in April. There will be minimal traffic management on the N2 resulting from works as rear access to the building has been put in place in terms of site compound.

The Castle has been cleared out of unfixed furniture. The main demolition to subsidised Judges Chamber House on southside of castle has been completed and various door openings are currently under construction.

Soft stripping has also been completed, and all internal walls if required have been taken down for removal. Plasterboard ceilings have been removed.

Early herbicide spraying and masonry cleaning have been completed.

Sub-floor drainage works commenced.



Sub-Floor Drainage Works



Soft Stripping Completed in future exhibition event space



Tower Ground Floor – screed removed



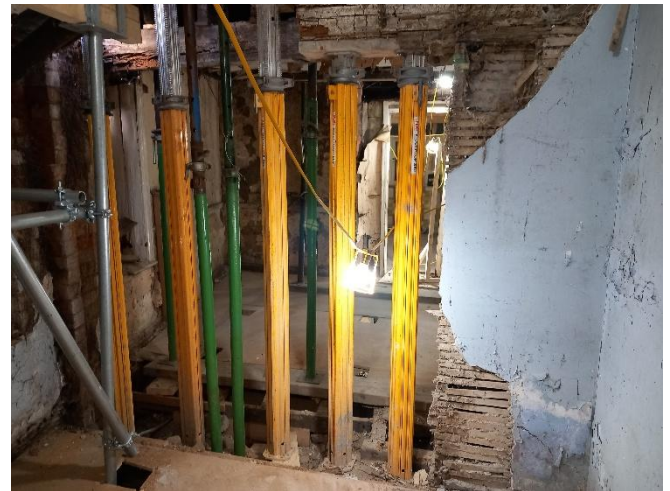
External to Rear – Rebuilding of rubble stone wall

THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme

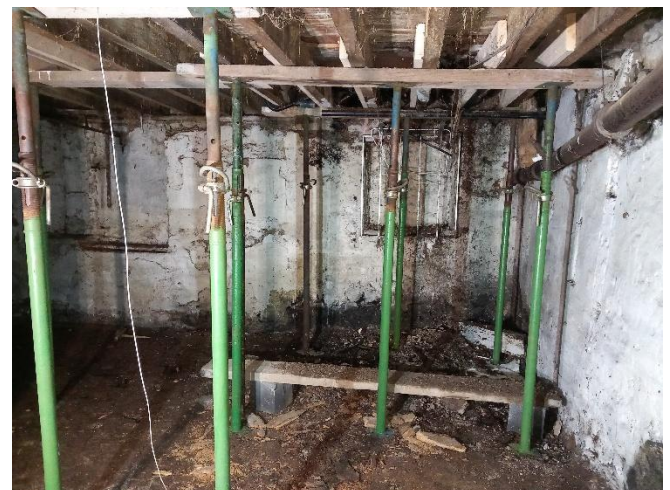
Following the awarding of €7 Million towards the restoration of Westgate House and the former DYD Building in Drogheda, Louth County Council have commenced preliminary safeguarding and archaeological investigations.

Archaeological investigations, surveys and structural safeguards measures commenced in March and will continue for 12-16 weeks and are 95% complete. Note: Works program has been extended due to the discovery of asbestos which had to be professionally removed and due to the building being found to be in very poor condition structurally, meaning additional safeguarding works being required. All asbestos record keeping has been put in place. Repairs to the existing roof structure are the final element of safeguarding works to be completed. The Ministerial Consent was approved for these safeguarding works, and the National Monuments have attended site in April, May & June. Surveys works will feed into the detailed design of the project.

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



Safeguarding Works – Crash Deck



Support for Wooden Beams



Spliced Repairs to Wooden Joists



Slipped/Missing Tiles

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 remains at Stage 1, with shortlisted options being assessed through the Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) process for each flood cell, supported by ongoing environmental evaluation. In parallel, the project team is preparing the Draft Options Development Report, which will bring together the technical, environmental and economic assessments to support the identification of preferred flood relief measures.

The Blackrock and Dundalk PPD Reports provide a summary and analysis of the feedback received during the public consultation process. The reports are an important component of the option appraisal stage, helping to ensure that stakeholder views, local knowledge and community priorities are incorporated into the assessment and selection of preferred flood relief measures alongside engineering, environmental and economic considerations.

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 and Baltray Flood Relief Scheme has advanced with the identification of the proposed scheme options. Draft Buildability, Operations and Maintenance Reports have been reviewed by Louth County Council and the OPW, with updates underway to incorporate comments received.

The Option Development Report is nearing completion and sets out the technical assessments supporting option selection, including hydraulic modelling, cost estimates, flood damage assessments and climate change considerations.

Environmental and heritage assessments are continuing, including bird surveys and the review of archaeological investigations. Additional surveys are also being considered to support the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the further development of the scheme.

Next Steps

Finalisation of the scheme cost estimate, cost-benefit analysis and Draft Option Development Report will be completed ahead of the Design Review Collaborative Workshop and Public Participation

Day, scheduled for Q3 2026. Environmental surveys and assessments will continue in parallel to support the progression of the scheme.

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

Carlingford and Greenore Flood Relief Project

Detailed design works for culverts along a number of back lanes in Carlingford have now commenced and will be delivered in conjunction with the proposed Public Realm Works.

A business case for improvement works to the watercourse at the rear of the Four Seasons Hotel is currently being revised. In parallel, hydraulic modelling of the proposed scheme is ongoing to further refine the design, while site investigation works have been arranged to inform ground conditions and assess constructability.

Ardee Minor Works

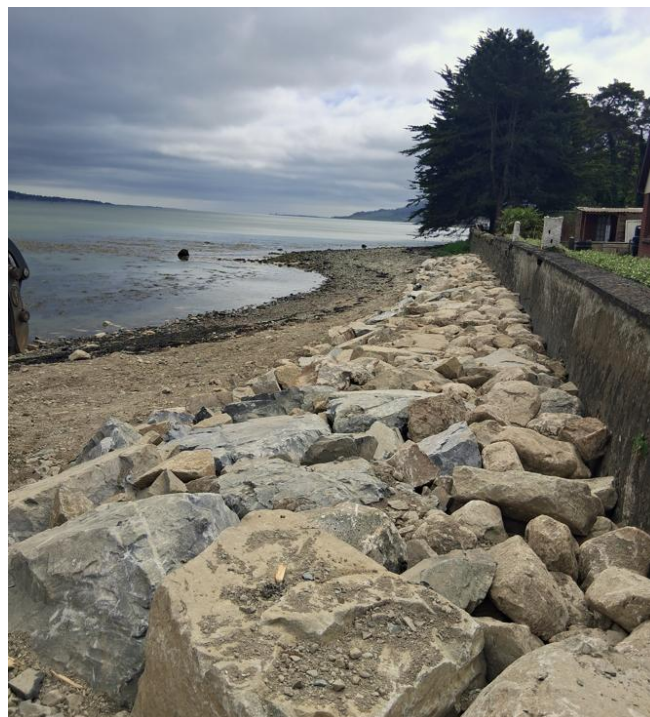
The proposed works to provide enhanced flood protection to properties along the existing watercourses at Stoney Lane and John Street have continued to advance. Delivery of this element of the scheme remains coordinated with ongoing Uisce Éireann works, helping to maximise efficiencies and minimise disruption to the local community.

Works adjacent to the N2 have progressed, with the detailed design and cost estimates now complete. Engagement with affected landowners has also continued to ensure that access requirements, site constraints and local considerations have been appropriately addressed.

Tionscadail Muirí / Marine Projects

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

Coastal protection works are now on site and progressing well. Works at Drummullagh have been completed, with construction currently underway at Bellurgan. Works at Ballagan are scheduled to commence towards the end of June.



Coastal Protection Measures Drummullagh

Tionscadail Cláir Scoileanna / Schools Programme Projects

Ardee Educate Together National School.

Works on site are continuing to progress towards substantial completion. The main outstanding significant works are:

- Complete M&E – ongoing
- Bitmac to main access road and school site roads – works to commence 01/07/2026

Key projected dates:

- Snagging to commence 29/06/2026
- Substantial completion (subject to BCAR approval) 31/07/2026



Newly formed Roof Window

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 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

Tionscadail Tasitil Gníomhaigh / Active Travel Projects

Project Name	Allocation 2026	Project Band	Current Phase	July 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 have given approval to LCC to advance to Part 8 Public Display as per Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. At this juncture the Design Team have prepared all the necessary Public Display material, i.e. Video Fly Through, information leaflets etc. An on-line briefing of the Part 8 proposals was given to Drogheda MD elected members on 17th June 2026. All feedback / commentary is reflected in Part 8 Public Display material. Part 8 proposals are due to be placed on public display on 21st July 2026.  Photo Montage of Donore Rd Junction Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 process.	Proposed Part 8 display July 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 are now preparing the video fly-through of the scheme for public display. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councilors in Aug 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process.	Proposed Part 8 early Q3 2026

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Drogheda: R168 Collon Rd, Hill of Hill of Rath Roundabout (RAB) and Rosehall RAB.	€45,000	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 are now preparing the video fly-through of the scheme for public display. It is anticipated to have an on-line briefing on the proposed scheme to Drogheda Municipal District Councilors in Aug 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process.	Proposed Part 8 display Q3 2026
Drogheda: Rathmullan Road including Marley's Lane	€550,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 5	The Design Team at this juncture i.e. end of June, have finalised the 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 is currently being Peer Reviewed.	Part 8 approved on 10 th February 2025.
Drogheda Dublin and North roads, design.	€10,000	Band 2 €5 - €20M	Phase 2	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 start of June 2026, the Tender Package for Phase 1, was finalised. To accord with NTA approval protocols, the Tender Package is currently being Peer Reviewed.	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.	
Dundalk: Ard Easmuinn Rd to Train Station / Friary School Dundalk & Dundalk Bus Station to Rail Station.	€110,000	Band 2	Phase 3	Due to budgetary limitations, it is proposed to expedite the Safe Routes to School infrastructure on McEntee Avenue etc., with the Active Travel project suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure Q3 2026.

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Drogheda Local Transport Plan	-	-	Phase 3	The Transport Consultants have prepared the first Draft of Drogheda Local Transport Plan in early June 2026. The Active Travel Team are currently reviewing with a workshop anticipated to be held with the consultants at the end of June 2026. It is anticipated that a briefing will be given to elected members on the draft Local Transport Plan in q3 2026.	
R132 Inner Relief Road Tain Bridge	€25,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Phase 2 was approved by the NTA in December 2024. Phase 3 deliverables were received from the Design Team in mid-June 2026. These are currently being reviewed and will be forwarded to the NTA for sign-off in early July 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Section 38 process.	No part 8 but possible Section 38 in Q3 of 2026, subject to NTA gateway approval.
Hoey's Lane, Dundalk	€20,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	On-line briefing on the proposed scheme was given to Dundalk Municipal District Councilors in May 2026 and Part 8 Public Display commenced on 2 nd June 2026. Deadline for formal submissions is Tuesday 14 th July 2026.  Due to budgetary limitations, the project will be suspended post Part 8 Process	Commenced 2 nd June 2026.
Mill Street, Dundalk	€65,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 2	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.	Proposed Part 8 for SRTS Infrastructure in 2026.
Hill Street Bridge to Train Station, Dundalk	€15,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 3	Gateway 3 approved by NTA on the 13 th April 2026. Due to budgetary limitations, this project will be suspended at its Current Phase until further notice.	

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R132 Dublin Road, (Rank Xerox Junction to Greengates)	€30,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	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. At the end of May 2026, the Design Team have been commissioned to undertake Detailed Design and prepare Tender Documents to advance Sextons Junction to Construction Stage.	Part 8 approved April 2026
Moneymore, Active Travel elements`	€1,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 4	An Coimisiún Pleanála approved the CPO Order at the end of Feb 2026. The subsequent notices were issued to the relevant parties. Deadline for submissions / objections expired on 13th May 2026. Notice to Treat Letters were issued on the 8 th 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 1) St Brigid's & St Patrick's Bothar Brugha Drogheda				 New Roads Markings and anti-skid surface to highlight safe zones.	
Safe Routes to Schools (Round 2) 1. Bellurgan National School 2. Callystown National School 3. St Mary's NS, Knockbridge	€1,825,000	Band 1 €0 - €5M	Phase 6	Construction works commenced at Bellurgan, Callystown and Knockbridge National Schools. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by mid-August prior to schools returning from summer holidays.  New footpaths under construction @ Callystown NS	Section 38's completed

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4. St. Malachy's GNS, Dundalk				 New footpaths under construction @ Bellurgan NS	
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	Design Consultant appointed in February 2026 for Philipstown NS & Kilcurry NS and have commenced initial Preliminary Designs .  New Pencil Bollards as interim measures @ Kilcurry NS Construction Works Tender package issued for Mullaghboy NS and Letter of Intent issued to contractor in mid-June 2026.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's
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	Active Travel Team consulting with An Taisce who will undertake initial high level Outline Delivery Plans for each School. Site visits at each school in Round 4 have been undertaken in March / April 2026. Active Travel Team awaiting Outline Delivery Plans from An Taisce.	No part 8's but possible Section 38's

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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.  CE Part 8 Report was recommended to the members at Dundalk MD Meeting on 12th May 2026. A total of 41 individual sites formed part of the Part 8 proposal. 36 of these sites were granted approval by the Elected Representatives. The 5 sites not approved are: Site 15 – Centra Car Park, Blackrock. Site 45 – Cluda Enda Site 60 – St. Fursey's Terrace Site 65 – Fatima Park Site 68 – Park View	Part 8 Approved 12 th May 2026