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Leitrim County Council

Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

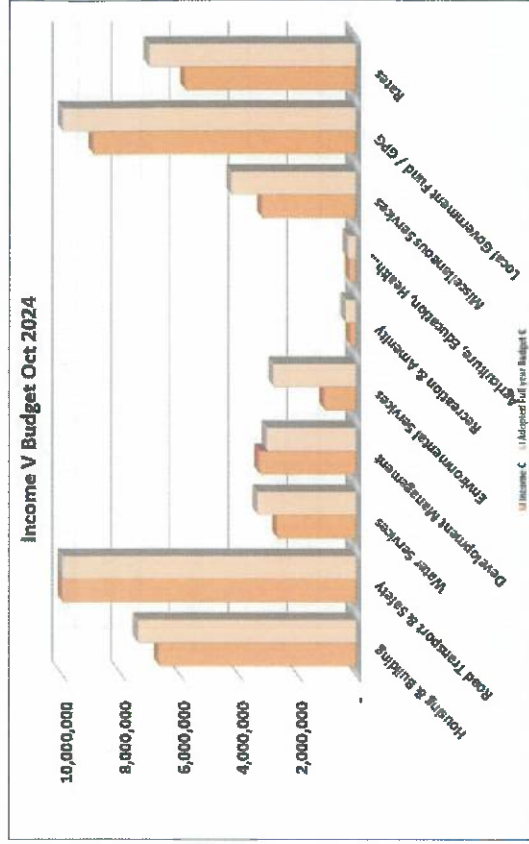
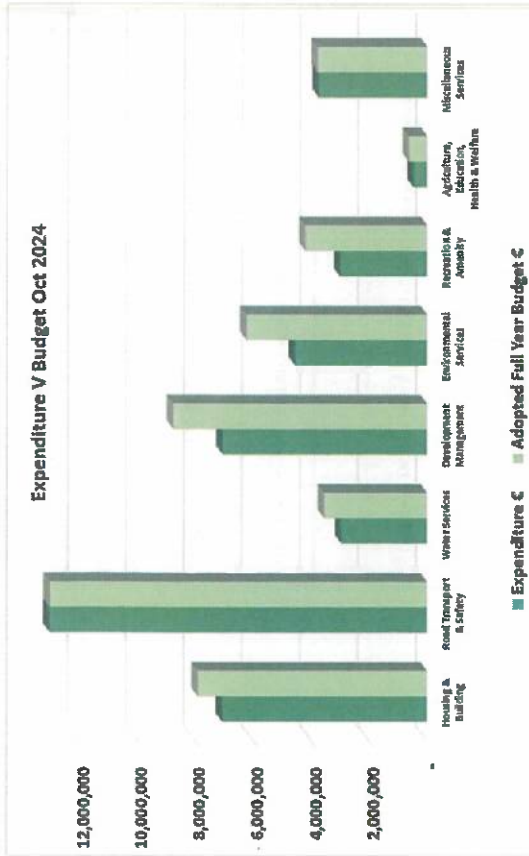
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FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES



Oct 2024 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

[PRELIMINARY OCT, 2024 - FIGURES]

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET	
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Income €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
A Housing & Building	7,063,941	7,902,729	89%	6,704,358	7,432,718	90%	(369,583)	110,428
B Road Transport & Safety	18,069,397	17,502,647	103%	14,548,503	13,256,033	110%	(3,510,894)	735,920
C Water Services	2,954,132	3,569,662	83%	2,694,065	3,359,654	80%	(260,067)	(60,039)
D Development Management	7,047,206	8,741,809	81%	3,293,891	3,047,571	108%	(3,753,315)	1,940,923
E Environmental Services	4,568,632	6,236,437	73%	1,074,247	2,821,788	38%	(3,482,385)	(67,796)
F Recreation & Amenity	3,011,767	4,219,543	71%	165,235	380,643	47%	(2,846,352)	1,022,368
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	454,438	629,228	72%	203,471	271,683	75%	(250,967)	106,578
H Miscellaneous Services	3,740,120	3,798,846	98%	3,207,869	4,255,070	75%	(332,261)	(988,475)
L0 Local Government Fund / GPC	0	0	0%	8,948,409	10,738,091	83%	8,948,409	(1,789,682)
RA Rates	0	0	0%	5,828,686	7,057,870	83%	5,828,686	(1,229,174)
	€46,887,833	€52,591,121	89%	€46,888,744	€52,591,121	89%	€218,889	€218,889
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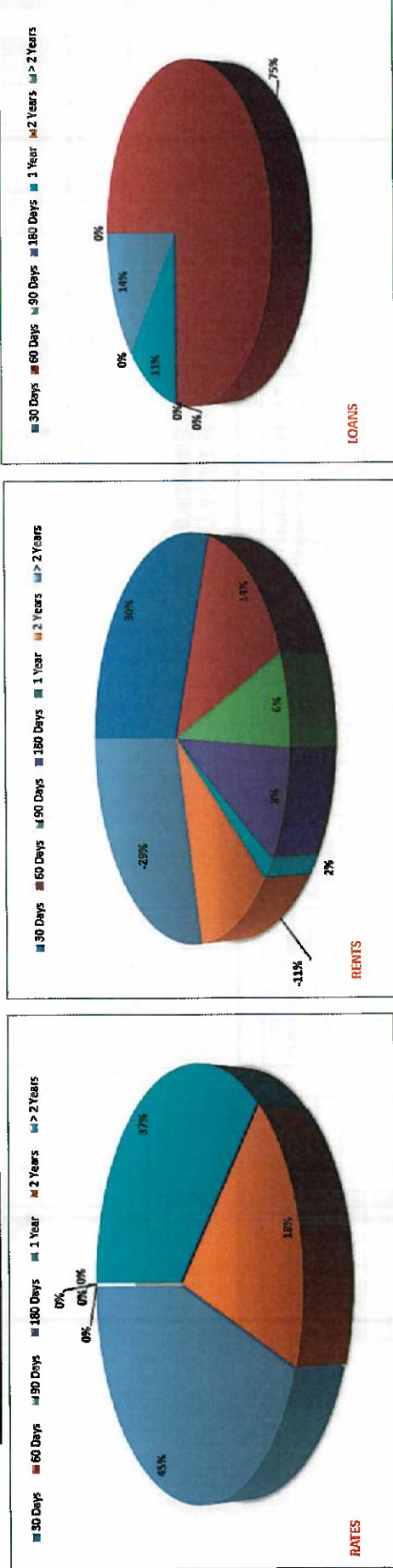
MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Oct, 2024

- Housing includes Croi Conatthe
- Development Mgt Includes ICOB payout for 2024

2024 - Collection Rates

	YTD		YTD		COMMENTARY
	€ Oct-24	€ Oct-23	% Oct-24	% Oct-23	
Housing Rents	€2,429,325	€2,227,102	97%	96%	Rents collection % slightly up on Oct 2023.
Commercial Rates	€5,828,696	€5,541,197	72%	72%	Rates collection % in line with Oct 2023.
Housing Loans	€256,892	€245,554	93%	81%	Improvement on Loans collection rates
		€2,706,736		96%	
		€6,006,946		77%	
		€295,948		84%	

Oct 2024 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	€0	€1,513,201	€743,683	€1,828,499
RENTS	€158,937	€71,712	€35,403	€40,832	€8,673	€56,595	€151,137
LOANS	€0	€13,528	€0	€0	€1,955	€0	€2,570

Climate Action Plan

Climate Action progressed through participation in a number of meetings, workshops and information sessions over October

1. Met with members of the Leitrim Sustainable Agriculture Group and Teagasc (1 October 2024). Exchanged presentations on work to date and objectives on respective remits of the Shared Island Creative Farm project, carbon farming restoration of peatland projects, LCC CAP and Signpost Programme. It was agreed to stay in contact to assist each other in progression of objectives and that it may help for the Signpost Programme to examine progress in Co. Leitrim, agriculture a particular interest to Elected Members in adopting the Plan.
2. Fiona Hannon IACT (International Academy of Computer Training) gave an overview of the Microsoft Planner package to be used for reporting on the Climate Action Plan Actions to the CA Committee (4 October 2024). A training session for CA Committee will be provided, a recording of the training event will be made available for purposes of changes to the Committee over the life of the Plan.
3. The CA Committee, Senior Officers and selected members of staff involved in procurement of goods and services were invited to an information session with Dr. Peter Brennan of Bid Services 25 October 2024 (session recorded). Advice that any strategy for LCC should adhere closely to the EPA Guidance.
4. Leitrim County Council attended 4 x Decarbonising Zone workshops organised by CARO {Built Environment (25 September 2024) / Community Activation (1 October 2024) / Natural Environment (9 October 2024) / Bioeconomy (16 October 2024)}. The main aim was to explore both the opportunities and challenges in progressing implementation. The slides from all workshops were made available to the CA Committee. Continuing to investigate funding avenues for projects.
5. A Cooperation agreement was signed between Leitrim CC with Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) under the EU LIFE funded project OwnYourSECAP. TEA will assist with implementation of a number of actions in the LCC CAP (Energy Management System, District Heating & Community Energy and Energy Induction).
6. Development of draft Energy Management System (EnMS) documentation is ongoing. Intention to review data more regularly with the Energy WG. Energy Policy drafted for signing by CE.
7. CA will assist the schools programme of Love Where You Live for 2025.
8. Agreement reached to host a retrofitting information event in Carrick-on-Shannon in collaboration with ATU in November 2024.
9. Final Border sub-regional Climate action meeting of 2024 held in October. CARO review initiated with LAs, reporting of LACAP progress in January 2025, KPIs to be determined, training to be rolled out for all levels of the LA under the Climate Action Programme 2024 – 2027.

Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Climate Action continue to work with groups in developing their projects and preparing for drawdown of funding. There will be one window for reclaim with DECC in November for recovery of claims made to date before Christmas.

DECC have confirmed that Phase 2 of the CCAP Fund will not open for calls until 2025 (details to be confirmed).

VETERINARY SERVICE

Slaughter Returns

AM/PM Examinations	8
Cattle	35
Sheep	96
Pigs	8
Goats	0

Premises Inspections

Premises Inspections	2
Food Samples	2
Environmental Swabs	8
Water Samples	1
Veterinary Residue Samples	1
Carcass Swabs	0
TB Lesions	0

Dog Warden Service Activities

Stray Dogs	3
Surrendered Dogs	1
Seized Dogs	8
Dogs Re-Homed	7
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Warden Service Requests	8
Dog Fouling Complaints	0
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks by Dogs	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	4
Dog License Inspections	46
Dogs Neutered	0
Neutering Vouchers Issued	6
Dogs Micro-Chipped	0
Fines Issued - Dogs	0
Statutory Notices Issued	1
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	2
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	70
Stray Horses Seized	0
Stray Cats Neutered	4
Animal Carcasses Removed	0
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3000

FIRE SERVICE

Fire Stations

Manorhamilton FS

Leitrim County Council has received approval to progress to Stage 2C: Detailed Design. Fortnightly meetings are now scheduled between the Fire Service and the Design team to advance this. It is envisaged that this process will be completed by Q2 2025.

Fire Appliances and Equipment

New Fire Appliance

The chassis for the new fire appliance is ordered and the first design meeting with the manufacturer's is scheduled for Q1 2025.

New Hand portable radios

The contract for the procurement of new hand portable radios for the fire service is being handled by Dublin County Council and the tender process is now complete. Capital funding is being provided by the Department. An update on this project is expected soon.

Building Control activity in October 2024

	Received	Valid	Granted	Completed
Commencement Notices	8	7		
Fire Safety Certificates	7		2	
Disabled Access Certificates	5		4	
Completion Certificates	2	1		
FSA / Planning Inspections / H&S / Licensing inspections				3

WRC agreement for retained firefighters.

National agreement reached at WRC in relation to firefighters' dispute. Details of the implementation of the agreement are being worked on at local level. In advance of the next local implementation committee meeting, a meeting between Fire Service Management and all Junior Officers is scheduled for mid-November.

Recruitment

The next four new recruits are scheduled to commence a QQI Firefighting Skills Course in Donegal in late November. It is hoped to have them operational within the county before the end of 2024.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Mentoring

Four Digital Marketing Review Clinics took place during October. These free one-to-one clinics were offered online and in person.

Training

Our October training schedule covered a wide range of topics including a Start Your Own Business course, Income Tax & Revenue Online training, Time Management, Planning and Productivity training, and Branding training. Our training programmes are delivered in a hybrid fashion with some taking place online and others in-person and all are free of charge.

Local Enterprise Offices Leitrim and Sligo hosted a successful National Women's Enterprise Day 2024 event on October 17th, under the theme "No Ordinary Life." Held at Juniper Barn in Co. Sligo nearly 100 female entrepreneurs, business owners, and managers gathered to discuss the challenges and opportunities for women in business across the Northwest. The event featured a panel discussion involving former 'Dragon's Den' investor Norah Casey. Norah was joined by Jo O'Brien, former owner of Vitto's restaurant in Carrick-on-Shannon and founder of Circle Edge Athleisure Wear, and Isabel Claffey, a Sligo-based Theatre Practitioner. The speakers shared their professional journeys and the lessons they've learned about valuing their work and adapting as their careers have evolved. Following the panel, a lively networking session was facilitated by Fran Best and Maeve McCormack from the Sligo Women in Business Network, offering attendees the chance to connect and exchange ideas.

Export

One-to-One mentoring continues to be available on any Export related issues and can be booked online free of charge to discuss any issues facing businesses or identifying and managing opportunities available for exporting.

Other Sustainable Supports for Business

The "All In A Day's Work" campaign continues to be rolled out on the areas of Lean, Green and Digital supports. A new "green" focussed National Campaign has launched with social media, press and radio ads to support promotion. There is a growing demand for all three supports as well as the Energy Efficiency Grant.

Energy Efficient Grant

There has been an increase in enquiries for the revised scheme, which is now available, with up to 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €10,000 can be supported following the completion of a Green for Business, Green Start or a SEAI Energy Audit. The support provided should be to implement the eligible expenses from the recommended actions in one of the above reports.

Grow Digital Voucher

The Grow Digital Voucher is a grant to help Small Businesses (with between 1 and 50 paid employees) not currently clients of Enterprise Ireland or IDA leverage digital tools to improve efficiency, expand reach, and compete effectively. The voucher is a grant covering 50% of eligible costs (minimum grant of €500 up to a maximum grant of €5,000) limited to new software subscriptions for a period of 12 months (e.g., e-commerce, CRM, accounting) and training and configuration of the software (limited to 50% of software purchase cost).

Outreach Office

An Outreach Office took place in Manorhamilton during October and continues every month/six weeks.

Atlantic Economic Corridor Update:

Interreg Europe Digital Rural

Participation in the Interreg Europe Digital Rural Project continues. Leitrim County Council are a partner on the project to examine ways to improve policies for the development of smart towns and villages. The project will run until 2028. The next Interregional event will include best practise examples from partners in the Vas County in Hungary.

PEACE Plus: Digital Services Funding

Leitrim County Council are a partner in the recently successful 'DS3 project' under PEACE Plus investment area 2.4 Smart Towns and villages. The DS3 Project aims to increase cross border collaboration and co-operation engaging civil and business communities in the adoption of ICT solutions in community service delivery and economic activity, thereby creating more connected and sustainable communities. The project seeks to address lower level of skills and engagement with ICT solutions within rural communities, by the business community (SMEs and Micros), civic society (community and voluntary organisations) and individuals.

Moving West: Series 3, Leitrim Episode

As part of the new series of Moving West in TG4, an episode dedicated to Leitrim aired on 22nd October. Produced by Dundara Television & Media in collaboration with the Western Development Commission and Leitrim County Council, and hosted by the renowned Mary Kennedy, *Moving West* continues to highlight the beauty and vibrancy of life in the West and Northwest of Ireland. The series shares inspiring stories of individuals and families who have relocated to these regions, capturing the essence of rural life and the sense of community that thrives there.

Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation

Entrepreneurship development in the NW

Developing entrepreneurship in the region is a key focus of the NW REP. Ongoing efforts to develop an entrepreneurship exchange programme are underway with a focus on running the programme now in Q1 October with 2 businesses from Leitrim being mentored by senior entrepreneurs in the region.

Offshore Wind Regional development

The NW REP continues to encourage regional collaboration in pursuing advancement in the development of the wind industry. Mapping of skills provision, supply chain and development of a Centre of Excellence proposal are ongoing.

Next REP Development

DETE have tendered for an external consultant to do a review of the REP's (purpose, effectiveness, governance format) and the output in Q1 2025 will be used in the creation of the new REP 2025-2029. There will be opportunities for Leitrim to input into this tender over the coming months.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC

A meeting of the LAG took place on 30th October. Seven projects were approved funding.

Town and Village/ORIS/Clár Projects

Ongoing review and follow up on progress of various ongoing projects in terms of delivery, claims and reporting to the DRCD etc.

ORIS Scheme 2024

The new ORIS scheme for 2024 opened in October and was advertised in newspaper and social media. The closing dates for Measure 1 and Project development Measure expressions of interest is 11th December and Measures 2 and 3 is 7th February.

Clár 2024

On October 7th 2024, the Minister announced the successful projects under Clár 2024. Leitrim were successful in securing funding for 14 of the 15 projects submitted to the Clár 2024 scheme. The Clár letter of offer for €615,232 for County Leitrim supporting a total of 14 projects was received from the department during October.

Broadband

Ongoing response to general queries re Broadband. Continuing to liaise with NBI on Licences and processing of same. Continuing to work with BCP's and our Kids Code to schedule kids coding workshops in the community, Aghanlish, Gortletteragh and Killargue BCP's being explored. Planning for further Vex robotics workshops in two BCP's in November, Aghanlish and Gortletteragh. Preparation commenced of for the RFT for the Leitrim Digital Strategy. A meeting with members of the Microsoft Dreamsapce Team took place with a view to contacting National Schools to get involved in the Microsoft Dreamspace programme.

Once off Christmas Support

Alan Dillon, T.D., Minister of State for Planning and Local Government announced a once-off allocation from the Local Government Fund to assist local authorities along the Western Seaboard of Ireland. The funding under this scheme is used to support Christmas markets and Christmas lights in smaller rural towns, particularly those towns with a population of 5,000 or less. A call out was made with a closing date of 30th October.

Leitrim Diaspora Strategy

Regular meetings are continuing regarding the execution of the Diaspora Strategy, presently focused on "The Leitrim Gathering" scheduled to take place in May 2025. Promotion of The Leitrim Gathering is ongoing. The open call for funding closed on 31st October last. The "Diaspora award" was presented to Padraic White, at the Love Where You Live Awards, which took place on the 10th of October 2024.

Purple Flag

The application was submitted on 4th October, the self-assessment was carried out the last weekend of September and the full formal adjudication assessment takes place on 16th November.

LECP Progress Review

An update report on Q2 KPIs issued to all LCDC members. Follow up continuing with stakeholders to finalise Q.2 update on delivery of actions contained within the plan.

Leitrim County Council Project Development Grant

Engaging with successful applicants to progress projects deemed eligible.

TOURISM

Marketing

The Tourism section hosted a visit from the Fleming Family Influencers, who stayed at Drumhierney and explored Drumshanbo, Lough Allen, Leitrim Village, and Carrick-on-Shannon. Collectively, they have over 1.5 million followers, and the content they created will be published at the end of January in preparation for the 2025 season.

Tracks and Trails

A recce took place for the filming of Tracks and Trails program, the program which promotes walking all around Ireland will be aired in May 2025.

Induction Video

A training video for hospitality and tourism staff has been produced. This 15-minute video covers all aspects of the tourism offering, informing them about what the product is and where they can find additional information. Staff members in customer service roles are crucial to enhancing the visitor's experience and improving their product knowledge is essential.

Tourism Officers Network

The tourism officer attended the meeting of the newly formed Tourism Officers Network in October. Representatives from all 31 local authorities convened to share information and collaborate on partnership initiatives.

Product Development

The tourism officers attended the launch of a feasibility study on the future development and greening of the cruise hire sector. Following the launch, a workshop was held to identify priority actions by critical stakeholders.

Destination and Experience Development Plan

Failte Ireland, in partnership with a range of local stakeholders, is developing a Destination & Experience Development Plan (DEDP) for the Upper Shannon, Shannon-Erne, and Border area. This will be a five-year tourism destination plan for Cavan, Leitrim and North Roscommon as part of the development of the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands region and will also complement initiatives emanating from development plans within neighbouring destinations.

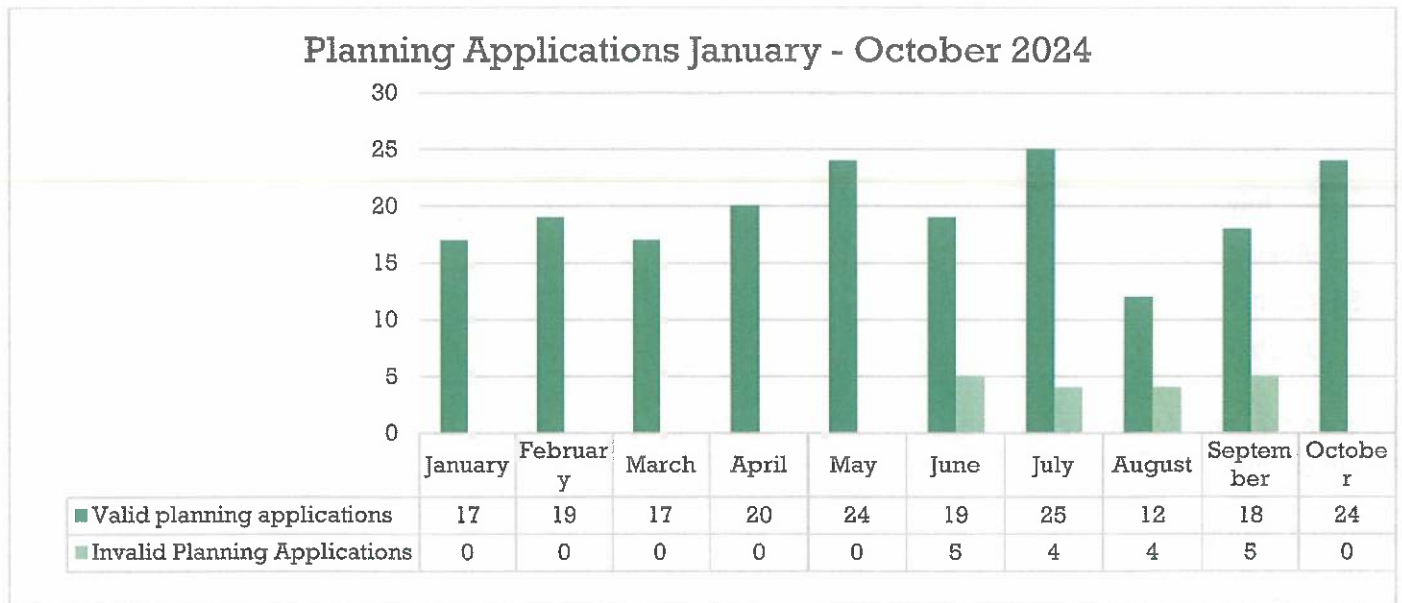
Festival & Events

Claims for festivals and events are currently being processed as the events happen; all festivals and events are being promoted through social media and on the Enjoy Leitrim website.

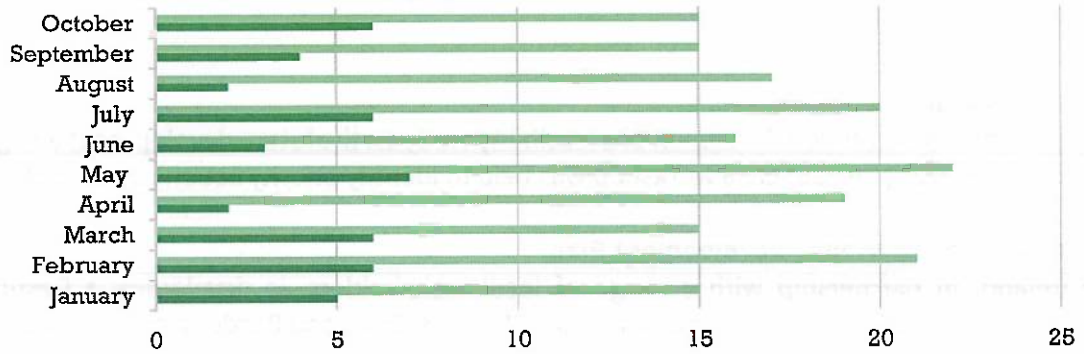
Social Media

All social media platforms—Instagram, Facebook, and X—were maintained throughout October promoting special offers and events.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT



Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - October 2024



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Final Decisions	15	21	15	19	22	16	20	17	15	15
Retention planning permission	5	6	6	2	7	3	6	2	4	6

■ Final Decisions
 ■ Retention planning permission

Further Information Requests

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	19	11	6
February	6	11	4
March	15	9	17
April	5	14	13
May	8	0	7
June	6	8	6
July	12	8	10
August	9	7	3
September	9	8	5
October	10	4	13

1 no. Part 8 Local Authority own developments was approved in October at the Manorhamilton Municipal District meeting namely St. Clare's NS Manorhamilton Active Travel Scheme.

Forward Planning

Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan

The draft of the joint Local Area Plan for Carrick-on-Shannon, to include the village of Cortober, was published on 14th August. Submissions and observations were sought before 4th October 2024. A Local Transport Plan forms part of the joint Local Area Plan. A new dedicated website www.carrickjointplan.ie provides updates of the process. A total of 37 no. submissions were received with respect to the Draft Plan.

Heritage

- The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim* Heritage Audit and Interpretation Plan final project report has been submitted and the project is now complete. The Audit includes in depth historical and archaeological research into the historical O'Rourke's of Leitrim and the recommendations from the report will be used to develop future outreach projects.
- A new video has been produced telling the story of Seán MacDiamadia and his homestead in Kiltyclogher. This video forms part of the *Connecting Through Heritage* Youtube series.
- A *Connecting Through Heritage Podcast Series* has been recorded, with elderly Leitrim residents interviewed on the heritage of their local area and about particular heritage themes.
- The *Leitrim Wetland Survey Phase III* is complete and the draft final report has been submitted.
- The Heritage Council Funding claims for all 2024 heritage projects has been prepared.
- The St Mogue's Abbey Community Monument Fund 2023/24 conservation project has received permission to continue conservation works until June 2025.

Biodiversity

- Pre-draft public consultation for the *Local Authority Biodiversity Action Plan 2025 - 2030* opened from Friday 27th September - Friday 1st November 2024. In-person public consultation events were carried out in public libraries in Ballinamore, Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton during the month of October.

ROADS

Annual Area Programme 2024

The Annual Area Programme of Works for 2024 are progressing.

N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Project

The N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Project is progressing as follows:

- Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation is progressing.
- Surveys for 2024 – The following Contracts are ongoing in 2024:
 - Ground Investigation Contract
 - Hydrology Monitoring
 - Topographical Survey Contract
 - Ecology Survey Contract
- Individual meetings are ongoing with directly impacted landowners and members of the public
- Preparation of Design Report is nearing completion
- Preferred Transport Solution will comprise
 - The road component comprising the bypass itself (the off-line section)
 - A new urban street of length 1km
 - Active travel, public transport and demand management measures including signalisation/upgrades of six roundabout junctions on the N4
- Consultations are currently taking place with
 - IFI
 - Irish Rail
 - NTA
 - Bord Na Mona
 - TII
 - LCC/RCC Planning departments

Pavement Overlays

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 1** – Final Account has been agreed with the Contractor. Change Order has been approved by TII. Final retention payment will be paid before the end of November.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 2** – The Contractor has been appointed and this POS will be commencing in early November.

Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on this Realignment Scheme are now complete. Awaiting specialist contractor & Manorhamilton District Engineers office to complete additional residual network works.

N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- **Strabrick Junction** – Construction work on this scheme is on-going
- **N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming** – A revised preliminary design has been submitted to TII and Leitrim County Council await approval from the TII on this revised preliminary design.
- **N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements** – Leitrim County Council to procure a consultant to complete Preliminary design report & detailed design as feasibility and options report has been approved by TII.

Bridge rehabilitation works –

- Bridge rehabilitation works have been substantially completed on 11 bridges
- Works ongoing to two other bridges which will be complete by end of November

Low Cost Safety Schemes – Design works completed and submitted to Area Office.

Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** – Design Consultant currently being appointed.
- **R280 Killarga** – **Design consultant appointed, and Topographical survey completed**
- **R280 Loughmurrans Realignment** – **Design Consultant currently being appointed.**
- **R278 Junctions** – Proposed Land take drawings issued to Area office for agreement with landowners.
- **R280 Erriff Realignment** – Design Consultant has been appointed.

Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
30	291

Please note that all queries regarding whether Water and/or Wastewater Services are in public charge are now processed by Uisce Eireann.

Abnormal Load Permits

Abnormal Load Permits processed this month	YTD Abnormal Load Permits processed
4	34

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2024/2025 is now open The Grant is €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back, with a new additional Grant of €50 per km to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches. This gives applicants a potential grant claim of €125 per km. Closing Date is Friday 31st January 2025.

Total Number of Application forms sent to date: 305

Applications Received to date: 20

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Schemes currently under construction by Leitrim County Council Direct Labour:

- Tullaghan Footpath Connection to Housing Estate
- Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link
- Ballinamore – Tully Heights connection to Town Environs
- Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link

Schemes currently under construction by Contractor:

- Bike Repair Stations
- Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Schemes completed by Contractor this month:

- Roosky Active Travel Scheme – accommodation works completed
- Bus Shelter at Dromod Train Station

Schemes currently being progressed through consultants:

- Fehily Timoney - Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures:
 - 2-week Trial completed – Surveys and data gathered.
 - Trial Report currently being prepared by Consultants.
- O'Connor Sutton Cronin - Carrick on Shannon – Leitrim Road Active Travel Scheme:
 - Awaiting Preliminary Design report from consultants.
- Tobins - Scheme 1 - Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Cycle Scheme and Circular Road Rapid Build Cycle Scheme.
 - Phase 2 – Options Report due 8/11/2024
- Tobins - Scheme 2 – Town Junctions upgrade – Drumshanbo:
 - Phase 2 – Option Report due 8/11/2024

Part 8 Planning Approved at October Manorhamilton MD meeting:

- SRTS - St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton

Design in-house commenced on the following:

- Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link.
- Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade.

Safe Route to Schools

- Safe Routes to School Scheme – St. Josephs NS – Leitrim Village - Lauch organised for 18th November, 2024.

OCSC Consultant appointed for the design of SRTS for 2 no. Schools.

- Scoil Mhuire NS, Carrick –Preliminary Design Stage.
- St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – Part 8 Planning approved.

Bus Shelter Programme

Contractor appointed for 4 locations in Leitrim as follows:

- Kinlough x 2.
- Ballinamore.
- Drumshanbo.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.

Contractor commenced on site at 7 locations in Leitrim as follows:

- Dromahaire.
- Drumsna x 3.
- Manorhamilton.
- Scranagross, Glenfarne.
- Tullaghan.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme

A preferred option has now been identified and Public Consultation Day No. 3 took place on Thursday 7th November in the Landmark Hotel where the preferred option was on display to the public. The Steering Group met with the Carrick on Shannon Flood Action Group [COSFAG] at the end of October to inform them of the outcome of a more detailed hydrological assessment downstream as far as Athlone.

Full details of the project are available on the project website www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie.

Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme

A preferred Option for the Scheme has been identified and will be on Public Display to the public on Thursday 12th December in the St. Joseph's Resource Centre. In recent months there has been engagement with several stakeholders on this project. Interaction between the Battlebridge to Carrick Greenway was considered for in the flood scheme.

Full details of the project are available on website www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme

The OPW have updated the flood maps for Mohill. The OPW Design Staff are currently carrying out hydrology and hydraulic analysis and economic feasibility on this project to determine the need/extent for flood defenses in Mohill. We await OPW's determination on the Scheme progressing to Planning Consent & Construction.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes

Leitrim Village (Keadue Road Scheme) Scheme

Construction work has commenced following the contract award to Stephen Reynolds Plant Hire.

Manorhamilton Minor Works Scheme

Funding of €59,558 has been approved by OPW following a flash flood on the 22nd May 24, Works include clearing Vegetation on the Owenbeg and Skreeny River running North and parallel with the New Line Manorhamilton.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening is now completed, the works have been screened out. Works can now progress to programming with the Manorhamilton Municipal District Office, works are anticipated to commence on site in Q1 2025

Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme

Four construction contracts have been undertaken as part of this Scheme

- Reconstruction of Footpaths and Roads Main Street/St George's Terrace/Approach roads
- Construction of Car Park at Flynn's Field
- Construction of Boardwalk along river edge
- Lighting of N4 Bridge and Boardwalk at Linear Park

All work is complete except the Bridge and Boardwalk lighting contract. A substantial completion certificate has been issued for the Scheme.

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme

Contract No 1 for public realm works on Main Street has been completed. Contract No 2 for works at the Enterprise lands has been published on etenders and submission returned. An application has been made to the dept for increased funding for this work.

Mohill Public Realm Scheme

Construction Works on this Scheme is underway. All footway paving is 95% complete. The following tasks remain outstanding:

- Works to library
- Eivers Lane entrance works
- Public Lighting
- Reconstruction of Carriageway

The Works is expected to be substantially completed in Q1 of 2025.

Drumshanbo ExChange

Part 8 planning approval was obtained at the February 2024 MD meeting. RRDF Funding approval has been received to construct the project. Mc Cabe Architects have been appointed as the Design team to prepare detailed design and construction contract documents. It is expected that the scheme will go to tender Q1 2025.

Carrick Business Campus

DHB Architects have been appointed as design consultants for the project. Detailed design for phase 2 of the building is ongoing.

Drumshanbo Food Innovation & Knowledge Hub

Work on the appointment of a Design Team for this Scheme is currently ongoing.

Carrick Arts and Community Centre (Colemans Building along Main Street)

Kenny Lyons Associates Architects have been appointed as Design Team for this Scheme and detailed design work is underway. FSC and DAC were submitted via BCMS in late September. It is expected that the construction phase will be tendered in Q1 2025.

Manorhamilton NCYS Building

Davitt Planning and Design have been appointed as design consultants for this project. FSC and DAC have been submitted and detailed design is ongoing. It is expected that the construction phase will be tendered in before the end of Q4 2024.

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen

Arup Consulting Engineers have been appointed as Design consultant for the project. Phase I - Concept and Feasibility of the project is complete. Phase II – Options selection stage is well under way. A TII Peer Review took place on the Option Selection Report on 29th August 2024 and the report has now been updated. It is expected that an Emerging Preferred Corridor will be on Public Display in February 2025 which is dependent on TII/DFI approvals. Full details on web site www.sln-cr-greenway.com.

Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway

Jennings O'Donovan Consultants have been appointed as Design Consultant for this Scheme. Phase 3, Detailed Design and Environmental evaluation is nearing completion on the preferred route. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), NIS and AA screening report are currently being reviewed by legal counsel. It is expected that a Planning application will be lodged to An Bord Pleanála once the review is complete, and amendments made to documents.

South Leitrim Greenway

Tender completed to appoint Roughan O Donovan AECOM alliance as the Design Consultant to complete the project outline document (POD) for Phase 0. Works have commenced on the POD and the estimated completion date is the end of March 2025.

Hartley Bridge

Planning approval received from an Bord Pleanála in Dec 2023. Funding received from Dept of Transport to advance this project. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed and are working on detailed design and tender documents. It is expected that the tender will be published in Q1 2025 subject to funding approval.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Corgar to Aghawillan

This section of Greenway has now substantially completed and is awaiting inspection by Sport Ireland for inclusion on their registered trails schedule. The Greenway is predicted to be opened by December.

There is short section on the Aghawillan end which is expected to be completed early in the new year

Dromod Roosky Greenway

Part 8 planning consent was obtained at the September 2024 MD meeting. Funding options for the construction stage and currently been investigated.

Narrow Gauge Trail Drumshanbo

Planning approval has been received for this project. Funding approval from ORIS for the construction contract has now been received. Tenders for the Scheme have now been returned and are being assessed.

Fenagh Abbey Trail

The community group received funding to progress this scheme through the planning process. We are currently working with the community group to prepare the necessary documentation plus specialist reports required for Planning.

Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns

A substantial completion Certificate has been issued for the scheme.

Acres Lake Facility Centre

Funding has been secured from Failte Ireland to construct a facility centre at Acres Lake, Drumshanbo. Sammon Developments Ltd has now been appointed to construct the scheme; work has commenced on site with project estimated to be completed approx. Oct 2025.

Unfinished Housing Development Contracts - South Leitrim SL2

Cluain Locha, Drumshanbo –complete.

Mountain View, Drumshanbo –complete.

Cnoc Na Sí, Carrick On Shannon –complete

Shannon Haven, Dromod –complete.

Dub Carraig Ceibh, Leitrim Village –complete

Certificate of substantial completion has been issued, snagging works complete on all estates.

HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 31 st October 2024	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
2	1	50%	1	50%	0

New Tenancies created to 31st October 2024

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 st October 2024	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
3	1

Traveller Accommodation Programme TAP July 2019 – June 2024 – (Amended to Dec 2024) Progress Report at 31st October 2024

Accommodation Type	2019 to 2024 5-year targets Targets	Outputs achieved on 31 st October 2024 (Inc 7 No. outputs from 01.01.19 to 30.06.19)
Group Housing Scheme – Existing		2
Service Block – Existing		1
Local Authority Standard Housing		36 (Including 11 No Offers refused)
Rental Accommodation Scheme (incl. renewals)		5 (Including Renewals)
Long Term Leasing SHLI (incl. renewals)		1
Housing provided by Approved Housing Body under CAS Scheme		1
Housing Assistance Payment (incl new family formations)		1
Totals		
	25	47 (5 Year Target is 25 units = 188%)

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Dwellings Inspected Target – 280 308 (25% of registered rented properties in Leitrim) (Note: Department updated target to 308)	No of Dwellings inspected to 31st October 2024 Total – 298	% Complete (Department Target 280 308) (Note: Department updated target to 308) 96.75%	Overall target for delivery in 2024 For Total Inspections completed Target – 350 (Depending on number of Re-inspections carried out)	No of inspections completed to 31st October 2024 (Total number of inspections including Re-inspections) Total – 334
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HOUSING GRANTS

NOTE: HGD = Housing Adaptation Grant; MAG = Mobility Aids Grant; HOP = Housing Aid for Older People

2024 Allocation - €1,061,691		(80% of allocation - €849,353)		
01/01/2024 – 31/10/2024	GRANT	NO	VALUE	
PAID 2024	HGD	31	€262,315.76	
	MAG	16	€73,715.00	
	HOP	55	€289,731.33	
	TOTAL	102	€625,762.09	€625,762.09
Approved not paid ¹	HGD	43	€432,221.88	
	MAG	17	€71,400.00	
	HOP	68	€311,670.25	
	TOTAL	128	€815,292.13	€815,292.13
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved ² Estimated <i>(Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)</i>	HGD	13	€130,000.00	
	MAG	10	€40,000.00	
	HOP	46	€230,000.00	
	TOTAL	69	€400,000.00	€400,000.00
Available Balance: €-779,363.22				

¹ Includes applications approved in 2023, not yet paid

² Includes applications received in 2023, not yet approved

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The majority of Grant Payment under the Local Enhancement Programme 2024 have been paid to grant recipients.

Age Friendly Programme

The Age Friendly walkability audit took place at Carrick-on-Shannon Train Station on the 10th of October 2024. It was well attended, with valuable input from engineers representing Irish Rail, Leitrim and Roscommon County Councils and Local Link representatives. A number of issues were identified and proposed works and solutions were discussed by relevant stakeholders. Information and recommendations were captured in a draft report which has been submitted for approval.

Healthy Ireland

2025 grant has now been formally increased from a projected €40,000 to €75,000.

Outcome 1: Increase in average number of remaining years that persons of a certain age can expect to live without a disability.

- Digital Skills & Health Literacy classes across the Leitrim network of libraries have now been completed.
- Memory Cafes continue to provide services in Mohill and Carrick, with work underway with Alzheimer's Ireland and the HSE to re-establish a group in North Leitrim.
- Falls prevention programmes have now been completed across Leitrim Libraries.
- Healthy Leitrim collaborated with Leitrim Development Company to deliver an event for Men's Sheds in Killanummery with over 200 people in attendance.

Outcome 2: Increase in breastfeeding % rates at first PHN visit and at 3 months follow up

- Multiple events were run across Leitrim's 3 Breastfeeding Peer Groups across National Breastfeeding Week from October 1st – 7th.
- A steering group has been established to create a more focused County wide approach to our Breastfeeding Support Groups, and 'Were Breastfeeding Friendly Leitrim' programme.
- 'Nest, Move, Tell' was delivered in Mohill Library over 4 days in partnership with Leitrim Arts Department and Creative Ireland. This was an art project for babies aged 3-24 months and their caregivers exploring sensorial play through textiles, movement and sound.

Community Recognition Fund

Window 3 of the Community Recognition Fund is open for applications, deadline for submissions is the 30th November 2024.

PEACEPLUS**Theme 1: Community Regeneration & Transformation (CRT)**

In relation to the capital projects, while 5 projects have been approved SEUPB have informed us that they intend to appoint an external agency to carry out functions similar to the Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) agency in Northern Ireland.

CPD assist public sector bodies in N. Ireland deliver successful projects in construction, supplies and services. We have been advised that we cannot proceed with any capital projects until this agency has been appointed. This will cause delays to the roll out of our capital programme under Peace. We had requested a timeline from the funders, and they are proceeding with a mini-tender competition to procure a supplier to oversee those projects which have already received a Letter of Offer. This includes Leitrim & four other councils (Cavan, Donegal, Derry & Strabane & the Causeway Coast & Glens Council). The tender is currently live and we hope to be able to proceed with our capital projects early in 2025.

Tender Pre-Engagement Events

A number of pre-engagement events were held in October with relevant stakeholders & agencies interested in tendering for projects.

It is intended to advertise a number of tenders for the following projects in November:

- Environmental Awareness & Biodiversity Programme
- Voice of Women in Rural Ireland
- Digital Education and Digital Hubs for Young People
- Traveller Community Programme
- Ex-Political Prisoners & Displaced Persons project

Programme Launch

The official launch of Leitrim's PEACEPLUS Action Plan has been planned for Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 12 noon in the Carrick Campus building. Invitations will issue to the elected members in the coming weeks.

Love Where You Live

The Awards Ceremony for the Love Where You Live Awards took place on Thursday the 10th of October 2024 in Lough Rynn Castle. With approximately 200 attendees, the event brought together nominated individuals and groups representing their communities. The awards serve as a platform to celebrate the positive impact of communities, schools, and individuals on the county. Each winner was presented with a unique Leitrim made trophy, €500 cash prize and a certificate. All runners up received €250 cash prize and a certificate. Every entry received tickets to the event and a certificate of participation

Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

The Department of Justice have advised that Pat Forde will assume the role of Chairperson of the LCSP in Leitrim. The Grade VII post for the The Community Safety Coordinator has been advertised and interviews for the post are due to be scheduled. LCSP's are to be established in each Local Authority Area in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2014.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Integration Team have been conducting clinics within IPAS centers to identify the needs of the residences/families living in the centres.

The integration team is sitting on a number of committees/subgroups within the voluntary and community sector to publicise the role of the LAIT team and to generate publicity regarding the team within Leitrim County Council. The team are currently meeting with agencies to communicate the role and functions of the LAIT and to ascertain how all agencies can work together in partnership and collaboratively for the positive outcomes of Beneficiaries of temporary protection and internationally protected individual/families.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

The following programmes took place in October:

- Ag Sugradh le Cheile Workshop
- Girl's Active programmes – Carrigallen Hall
- Older adult's social movement and scooch competition night – Drumreilly Community Centre
- Dance Fun for teenagers with additional needs in Carrigallen
- Comhairle na Nog Conference in the Landmark Hotel
- Wellness Walks for Mental Wellbeing in Milltown Wood and Derrycarne Wood
- Carers wellness day in Lough Allen Adventure Centre
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Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub

- Social Basketball in the Mayflower
- Strength and Conditioning class in the Mayflower

Safeguarding courses

- Safeguarding 1 Online Tutor Course October 9th Online
- Safeguarding 1 Online Public Course October 17th Online
- Safeguarding 1 Online Tutor Course October 31st Online

Mums & Me Post partum fitness October 6 week programme Mohill GAA Clubhouse 24th October

Balance Bike Programmes (3yrs - 5yrs cycling skills programme)

- Gortletteragh Pre School
- Bo Peepz Pre School Drumshanbo
- Fenagh Childcare

Afreschool Bike Programme (5yrs – 12yrs Afterschool further skills development programme)

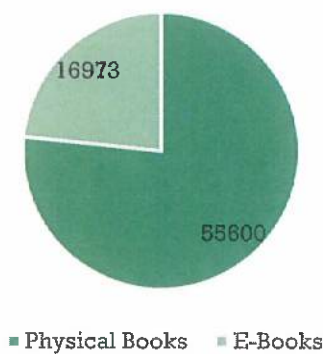
- Tots Haven Afterschool Dromod
- Evers Lane afterschool Mohill
- Shannonside Childcare Carrick on Shannon

Cycleright Primary School Programme

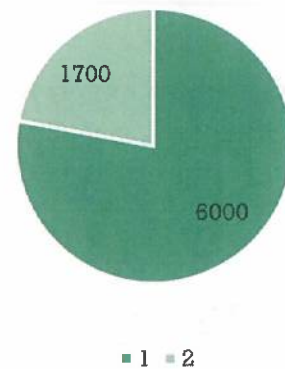
- St. Patricks N.S Drumshabo
- Scoil Chlann Naofa Ballinamore
- St. Clares P.S Manorhamilton
- Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Shannon
- St. Joesephs N.S Leitrim Village

LIBRARY SERVICES

Total Borrowed Library Books Year to Date 2024



October 2024



There were a number of events held across the library branch network for **Children's Book Festival**. Poet Gerry Boland facilitated a fun and engaging workshop for 2nd class pupils from Scoil Mhuire and Gael Scoil Liatroma in Carrick-on-Shannon Library. Author Shelley Corcoran read from her book 'The Most Irish Person' to the local Senior Infants class at Carrigallen Library while in Ballinamore Library, Wayne O'Connor engaged children from Scoil Chlann Naofa in Ballinamore Library. In Manorhamilton Library, pupils from 5 local schools enjoyed 2 workshops with author and illustrator Alan Nolan who read from his latest book and entertained the children with storytelling and shared his illustration skills. Author Ann Murtagh visited Mohill, Drumshanbo and Carrick-on-Shannon libraries

and engaged children from local schools and children from Tarmon Primary school were treated to a fun craft workshop at Carrick-on-Shannon Library.

Healthy Leitrim Health and Wellbeing Pharmacist Maj Cunningham delivered a talk in Mohill Library entitled 'Women and Bone Health as part of the Healthy Leitrim Programme. A six-week 'Yoga for Women's Wellness' Programme commenced in Ballinamore Library.

Ciorcal Comhrá sessions were held in Ballinamore Library and were very well attended.

To celebrate **Dyslexia Awareness Month**, Ballinamore Library hosted a talk aimed at parents and teachers facilitated by Mary McDonald founder of Dyslexia Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal

Kiltyclogher Library hosted a **Shared Reading** event where members of the Feel-Good Club and children from the junior classes in Scoil Mhic Diarmada enjoyed a very enjoyable interactive reading session.

Cubbie at Manorhamilton Library was updated to include new Halloween themed programmes

Many branch libraries showcased books for **Bio-economy Week** with a focus on demonstrating how the natural environment can be utilised in a sustainable and circular way. Mohill Library facilitated a School Workshop which explained what Bioeconomy is and how it is linked to the products we use or eat every day.


Breastfeeding Week was celebrated in Mohill Library. This year's theme was 'From Bump to Baby and Beyond'. Expectant and new parents were encouraged to attend the support group who meet regularly in the library. Artist Gráinne O'Carroll engaged with members of the Breastfeeding group and their babies and toddlers on an **Early Years Arts Project**.

The **Wild Words Young Writers Club** continued to meet weekly in Carrick-on-Shannon Library. The group of teenagers are led by acclaimed writers Wayne O'Connor and Niamh MacCabe.

New accessible shelving units were installed at Carrick-on-Shannon Library under Dormant Accounts Funding.

The County Librarian attended a Social Inclusion Week event at Killenummery Community Centre to promote the **Shoulder-to-Shoulder** project which aims to address the health literacy needs of men who attend Men's Sheds in County Leitrim. The project will engage men attending all Men's Sheds in County Leitrim in a programme of health and wellbeing where the focus is on development and improvement of Health Literacy Skills. The project will assist the men in finding, understanding and using health information both in physical format and online. It will involve both MSLETB Tutors and Health Professionals such as a GP, Pharmacist and Dietician.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Joseph Gilhooly, Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 14th November 2024