



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

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VETERINARY SERVICE

Slaughter Returns

AM/PM Examinations	8
Cattle	37
Sheep	143
Pigs	7
Goats	0

Premises Inspections

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

Dog Warden Service Activities

Stray Dogs	10
Surrendered Dogs	7
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	16
Dogs Reclaimed	0
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	2
Warden Service Requests	22
Dog Fouling Complaints	0
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks by Dogs	1
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	3
Dog Licence Inspections	24
Dogs Neutered	2
Neutering Vouchers Issued	19
Dogs Micro-Chipped and Registered	5
Fines Issued - Dogs	2
Statutory Notices Issued	1
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	1
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	83
Stray Horses Seized	0
Stray Cats Neutered	24
Animal Carcasses Removed	3
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	45
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	2500

Leitrim Sustainable Agriculture Group

The Leitrim Sustainable Agriculture Group held two very successful cross-border farm walk in March and April in close collaboration with our partners in the NI **Environmental Farming Scheme** on the farms of Frank Whitney and Michael McManus under the Shared Island Creative Arts Programme. See link below for further information on this exciting project:

<https://www.thedock.ie/communities/spa-cottage-organic-farm>

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence

- Water Sampling Assisting LCC
- Assisting LAWPRO water sampling
- ICG callout to assist cruiser aground.
- Swiftwater Training
- SAR Training
- Ongoing Incident (Containment) Leitrim Village (involving Civil Defence & Environment)
- Callout from Gardai for missing persons search
- Assisted Roscommon CD with missing person search

Civil Defence Volunteers remained on standby during the month to provide assistance to the Principle Response Agencies and the Community Response Forum

FIRE SERVICE

Building Control activity in April 2024

	Received	Valid / Invalid	Granted	Completed
Commencement Notices	17	13		
Fire Safety Certificates	1	1	1	
Disabled Access Certificates	0		2	
Completion Certificates	1			
FSA / Planning Inspections / H&S / Licensing inspections				3
BC inspections / BER / Market Surveillance				21

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. The 2nd local implementation committee meeting took place with SIPTU on January 24th.

The next local implementation committee meeting is scheduled for May 27th, 2024.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

National Enterprise Awards County Final

LEO Leitrim hosted a lunch for the Leitrim winner of the National Enterprise Awards, Leitrim Hill Creamery, who will represent Leitrim at the National final on 23rd May in The Mansion House, Dublin.

Training

Training delivered during April included Trading Online Voucher info session, How to Develop a Winning Business Plan, Mindfulness for the Creative Sector, Micro Finance Ireland loans info session, Addressing current employment needs in Recruitment. The monthly SYOB Plus training continues to provide support to new businesses.

Other Sustainable Supports for Business

The Energy Efficiency Grant is to increase to amounts up to €8,000, full details on eligibility, terms and conditions to follow.

Outreach Office

An Outreach Office took place in Manorhamilton during April and continues every month.

Taste Leitrim

The Taste Leitrim Sustainable Food Trail 2024 marketing campaign, with a brand-new sustainable food trail brochure (with over 100 places to eat), website and social media was launched in April in 2 locations, Jinny's Bakery, Drumshanbo and The Teashed, Glencar. Particular focus was placed on the Green for Business, Energy Efficiency Grant and the Trading Online Voucher with businesses present encouraged strongly to apply for the programme and grant supports available.

Regional Enterprise Development Fund: Creative Heartlands

The project is continuing its programme of workshops. To date over 500 people have engaged in training under the programme across 60 workshops. Several enterprises have availed of the catalogue of film and design equipment that is available.

Interreg Policy Learning Platform

Leitrim County Council were awarded a peer review under the Interreg Policy Learning Platform. The topic of the study was to explore challenges and opportunities in developing sustainable Creative Enterprises in rural areas. It took place on 2 & 3 May with presentations from experts working in the sector from Spain, Finland, Wales and Italy.

Rural Regeneration Development Fund, Marketing and Heritage: Mohill

Supports and communications are increasing to coincide with the public realm works underway in Mohill.

Sceal Heritage have been appointed to develop a heritage trail for the town.

Expressions of interest for shopfront improvement scheme and supports for events and festivals has been launched.

Interreg Europe Digital Rural

The kick off meeting for Interreg Europe Digital Rural Project will be held at the end of May in Chania, Greece. Leitrim County Council are a partner on the project to examine way to improve policies for the development of smart towns and villages.

NW Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee

Quarterly NW REP steering committee was held in Carrick Campus in April with all regional agencies in attendance. Focus during the meeting was on the next steps with the regional infrastructure deficit report, cluster development in the region and the Smart Regions funding.

Entrepreneurship development in the Northwest

A key focus of the NW REP is the development of entrepreneurship in the northwest region – key actions were decided on in April with the following items being pursued by the working group and Chair:

- Focus on utilising NW senior entrepreneurs to support new startups in the region
- Advocating for positive discrimination for the northwest region enterprise development
- Development of a maintained comparable dataset to monitor entrepreneurial growth in NW
- Development of the culture of entrepreneurship in the region

Development of Offshore Wind Support enterprise in the NW/West region

The recently released Offshore Wind Strategy by Department of Enterprise identifies the Regional Enterprise Plans as a good vehicle to coordinate regional efforts to support the growth of the Offshore wind industry in Ireland. Chaired by Chief Exec Udaras na Gaeltachta, the West and NW region has joined together to form a joint NW/West offshore wind working group to support the development of the supply chain in the region. The kick off meeting was in April with 25 online attendees. The focus of the group will be on regional opportunities, supply chain development, skills development, demand uses and RD&I.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on April 17th, 2024. The formal launch of the new LEADER programme is scheduled for May 8th, 2024.

Broadband

Ongoing work with the Broadband connection points around planned new firewall and responding to general queries re Broadband.

Carrick Campus

One new tenant is scheduled to take office space from early June 2024.

County Promotion Events

Preparation underway of a feature article for the Leitrim Observer outlining the 3 County promotion Events over the last 12 months.

LCC Project Development Grant

11 applications were received under this scheme in March, during April follow up with the groups took place and some were redirected to other funding schemes. We continue to accept Expressions of Interest for this scheme.

ORIS Measure1 2023

Under the ORIS M1 scheme 2023 Leitrim County Council received funding for 4 projects totalling €79,826, Farnaught Trail, Derrycarne Woods, Dromahaire Park and Recreational Walk and Lough Rynn and Kappagh Trails. Letters of offer to the various groups have been prepared and issued.

Funding Information Briefings

Three funding information briefings were scheduled across the three MDs in Manorhamilton, Carrick on Shannon and Ballinamore outlining the various funding schemes available. Ove 90 people attended across the three evenings.

TOURISM

Meitheal

The Tourism team recently participated in the Fáilte Ireland Meitheal event in Killarney. This is considered the Irish Tourism Industry's most important travel trade event. The Meitheal event has taken place since 1975 and is Fáilte Ireland's flagship trade event. It is organised in collaboration with Tourism Ireland to allow Irish Tourism businesses to showcase the best of Ireland to top international tourism buyers.

CCMA Conference

The Tourism team attended the 'Tourism Leading Change, Local Authorities Supporting Tourism Locally, Regionally and Nationally' conference in Kildare. Over two days, more than thirty-five speakers presented, including panel discussions.

Festival & Events

A total of seventeen festivals and events were approved through the Festival Grant Scheme under the Community and Tourism sectors. The approved events were valued at €13,000 across the three Municipal District (MD) areas. Additionally, €5,000 was allocated under the Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival fund, while the remaining funds from the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) were used towards funding St. Patrick's Day events. As part of the General Municipal allocation budget for 2024, a provision of €6,000 was included to develop new festivals. A brief is being prepared to engage the services of a mentor who will work with relevant groups in each area to enhance their existing festival or establish a new festival that will attract an international audience.

Slow Adventure Tourism

Currently, Slow Adventure Experiences is undergoing testing under the acquired criteria of Slow Adventure International. Once market-ready, they will be included in all relevant promotions for the county.

Diaspora Marketing

The Leitrim diaspora survey is being promoted across relevant platforms and audits to identify where the diaspora currently resides and, in an effort, to collect with them globally.

Tourism Framework

The preparations for 2024 are continuing, focusing on executing the measures outlined in the Tourism Framework document. The inaugural gathering of the Tourism Forum is scheduled for May. It will comprise of representatives from the tourism industry, and representatives from each Municipal District. Additionally, an Independent Chair has been selected for the Forum.

Acres Lake

The Tourism Team is collaborating with the Capital Projects office and Fáilte Ireland to build the new facility at Acres Lake Amenity.

TOWN REGENERATION

Town Teams

The Town Regeneration Officer and the Vacant Homes Officer continue to engage with town teams on general issues together with town team governance and structure issues.

Carrick on Shannon Town Centre First Plan

The Carrick on Shannon Town Centre First Plan was included at the recent National Launch in Adare which was attended by representatives of the Leitrim County Council and the Carrick on Shannon Town Team.

Manorhamilton Town Centre First Plan

Following an application by Leitrim County Council, Manorhamilton town has received funding to develop a Town Centre First Plan. The Town Regeneration office held an initial meeting with Manorhamilton Town Team to discuss the process and to ensure its progression.

Croí Conaithe - Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

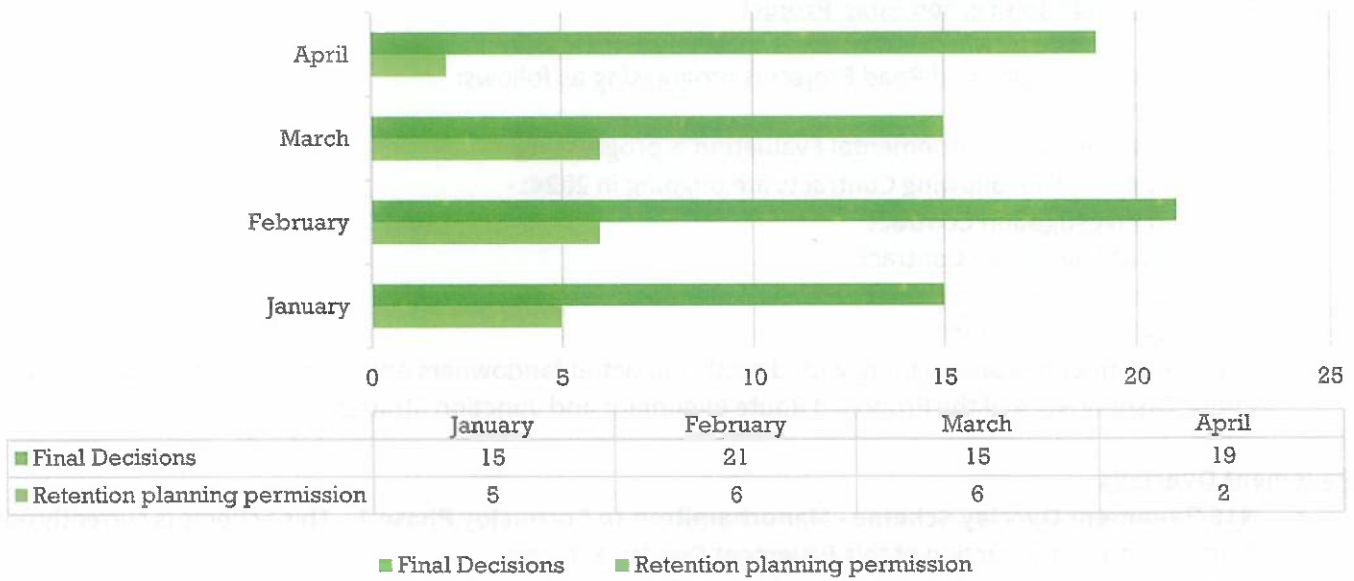
51 applications have been received since January 2024 to date, with 160 applications received since 2022.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Planning Applications January - April 2024



Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - April 2024



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

Forward Planning

Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan

It is expected that the draft Local Area Plan will be placed on public display during the month of June.

Heritage & Biodiversity

- The Killahurk Ringfort Access, Environmental and Archaeological Assessment is progressing, and the first funding claim has been made to the Shared Island Fund (Department of Housing).
- Consultants have been appointed to carry out a Leitrim Wetland Field Phase III Survey.
- Consultants have been appointed to work on *The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Heritage Audit and Interpretation Plan* and the project inception meeting has been held.
- Four interpretation panels have been ordered to tell the story of Carrick-on-Shannon Gaol to visitors.
- Two Community Monument Fund applications for St Mogue's Abbey Conservation Works and Jamestown Wall Conservation Plan have been successful and Letters of Acceptance have been issued.
- Biodiversity Officer allocated ESKER (Environmental Science Kits for Ecological Recording) box to library services for loan to library members and community groups.
- *Biodiversity Action Plan Scheme*: Funding approved by the Heritage Council for financial assistance for the development of the Co. Leitrim Biodiversity Action Plan.

ROADS

N4 Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Project

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

- Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation is progressing.
- Surveys 2024 – The following Contracts are ongoing in 2024: -
 - Ground Investigation Contract
 - Topographical Survey Contract
 - Noise and Air Monitoring
 - Ecology Survey Contract
- Individual meetings are ongoing with directly impacted landowners and members of the public following Public Display No. 4 of the Proposed Route Alignment and Junction Strategy.

Pavement Overlays

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 2** – This Scheme is currently out to tender for the construction of this Pavement Overlay Scheme.
- **N4 Pavement Overlay Scheme – Carrick on Shannon** – Consultants are currently working on the design and tender documents for this Pavement Overlay Scheme.

Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** – Consultants working on Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation). Works are ongoing.

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

The CIS Programme for South Leitrim for 2024 has now been finalised – 3 CIS Schemes will be completed in 2024 in South Leitrim. The 2024 CIS programme for North Leitrim is currently being finalised.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

The Allocation recently received for LIS's is as follows: -

- 2024 Allocation = €592,594
- 2025 Allocation = €373,479
- **Total Allocation = €966,074**

The 2024 Allocation of €592,594 will allow approx. 8 LIS Schemes to be completed in 2024. The breakdown per MD of these would be as follows: -

- Manor MD 5 Schemes
- Ballinamore MD 3 schemes

Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
30	104

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
1	17

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for this year closed on 29th February 2024

Applications Received for Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2023/2024	Applications deemed Ineligible/Not Proceeding	No. of grants paid up to end of last Month
70 Ballinamore MD = 23 Carrick on Shannon MD = 21 Manorhamilton MD = 26	5	59 (84% of applications are completed)

Road Safety

The Road Safety Officer and the District Engineer, South Leitrim, visited Ballinamore National School regarding Road Safety issues at the School. A Road Safety Leaflet including a Road Safety “Code of Conduct” has been given to the School for circulation to all parents/guardians with advise on road safety and a Code of Conduct which should be obeyed by all when dropping off/collecting children at the school.

Active Travel

Schemes currently under construction by Leitrim County Council Direct Labour:

- Tullaghan Footpath Connection to Housing Estate.
- Drumkeerin Active Travel Scheme.

Schemes currently been progressed through consultants:

- Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures
 - Trial of the proposed option is to be arranged for September 2024.
- Carrick On Shannon – Leitrim Road Active Travel Scheme
 - Awaiting Preliminary Design report form Consultants.

Procurement of Consultants on eTenders for the following schemes:

- Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Cycle Scheme.
- Drumshanbo – Town Junction Upgrade.
- Rapid Build Cycle Track Summerhill Link Road Carrick-on-Shannon.

Awaiting Archaeological Licence following on site investigations:

- Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link.

Part 8 Planning decision due at Manorhamilton MD on 13th May 2024 for:

- Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link.

Design and Statutory Processes are required for the following:

- Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link.
- Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link.
- Ballinamore – Tully Heights connection to Town Environs.

Design required for the following:

- Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade.
- Bike Parking.

Safe Route to Schools

- Currently at Design Stage (In House) and due to be constructed in July/August 2024.
 - St. Josephs NS – Leitrim Village.
- Consultants appointed for the design of SRTS for 2 no. Schools.
 - St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – Preliminary Design uploaded to TII Portal.
 - Scoil Mhuire NS, Carrick – Awaiting Preliminary Design Report.
- Awaiting final Delivery Report from An Taisce (In- house design to follow):
 - Mohill Community School.

Bus Shelter Programme

Contractor has completed construction of Bus shelters at the following locations:

- Carrick Business Park, Carrick on Shannon.
- Priests Lane, Carrick on Shannon.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen

Design consultant has been appointed for the project. Phase I of project complete. Phase II – Options selection stage is well under way. Public consultation of route options held from 23rd Oct 2023 to 17th Nov 2023. Full details on web site www.sln-cr-greenway.com.

Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns

Funding of €500,000 has been received from Fáilte Ireland for this project. Wayfinding Signage have been erected and construction works on the new bus stops and viewing shelter have now been completed by Source Civil. A substantial completion Certificate has been issued for the scheme. Construction work on new bus stops and public realm areas to be completed in April 2024.

Drumshanbo ExChange

Part 8 planning approval obtained at the February MD meeting. Application has been submitted to the RRDF scheme for funding to construct the project. Mc Cabe Architects have been appointed as the Design team to prepare detailed design and construction contract documents.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes

Dromahair Scheme

Funding of €588,420 has been obtained from the OPW to progress the design of the Dromahaire scheme. Tobins Consulting Engineers have been appointed as design consultant.

Leitrim Village (Keadue Road Scheme) Scheme

Funding of €213,191 has been obtained for the temporary flood defences at Cluin Oir housing estate Keadue Road, Leitrim Village. CST has been appointed as design consultant for the scheme. Part 8 Planning consent was received for the Scheme at the May MD meeting and contact documents for the construction contract are currently being prepared.

Acres Lake Facility Centre

Funding has been secured from Failte Ireland to construct a facility centre at Acres Lake, Drumshanbo. This will provide toilet facilities, shower facilities and a base for operators using the lake. Design consultant O'Connor Sutton Cronin has been appointed. Tenders for the construction of the facility have been received and a preferred contractor nominated. We await confirmation an increased funding approval from Failte Ireland in advance of appointing a contractor to commence work.

Unfinished Housing Development Contracts

- South Leitrim SL2 – Construction work underway on estates
- Cluin Locha, Drumshanbo – works substantially complete.
- Mountain View, Drumshanbo – works substantially complete.
- Cnoc Na Sí, Carrick On Shannon – under construction.
- Shannon Haven, Dromod – works substantially complete.
- Dub Carraig Ceibh, Leitrim Village – under construction.

North Leitrim NL3 – Site Resolution Plans are completed for the following estates:

- Churchfield, Dromahaire
- Forest Grove, Dromahaire
- The Acres, Dromahaire
- Windmill Park, Drumkeerin
- Melvin Fields, Kinlough
- Oakfield Lawns, Kinlough
- Carbry Coast, Tullaghan

South Leitrim SL3 – Site Resolution Plans are completed for the following estates:

- Dun Na Bo, Ballinamore
- Cois Locha, Carrigallen
- Carraig Breac, Drumshanbo
- An Crannogue, Keshcarrigan
- An Gairdin, Keshcarrigan
- Cnoc Na Greine, Mohill

Carrick Business Campus

DHB Architects appointed as design consultants for the project. Preliminary design works underway.

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 provide the planning documents plus the specialist reports required.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

An application was submitted by the Rural Water Department under the new MARWP 2024-2026 to the Department on the 12th of April 2024.

A total of **31 applications** for schemes/projects has now been submitted to the Department across 6 different funding measures with a total estimated cost of these projects of **€4,272,853** and funding sought in the sum of **€2,841,333 (Funding sought under Measure A4 and Measure A6 are not 100% of the estimated cost)**. Below is a summary of the total applications submitted under each of the Measures:

Measure - Funding at % of estimated cost of works	No. of Schemes	Funding sought
A1 – Source Protection (100% funded)	3	€60,370
A2 – water Treatment Provision, improvements & Capital replacement (100% funded)	2	€111,068
Measure A3 – Amalgamation (100% funded)	1	€78,600
Measure A4 – water conservation, leakage reduction & prevention (85% funded)	8	€352,301
Measure A6 – Taking in charge (100% funded)	16	€1,563,994
Measure A7 – Community water Connections (85% up to maximum of €15,000 per house)	1	€675,000
TOTAL	31	€2.841.333

As well as this funding, there is also existing commitments from the 2019-2021 MARWP for 12 no projects in the sum of **€413,218** which is also been sought. This brings the total funding request to the Department to **€3,254,551**.

An Expert Panel will adjudicate on these applications for funding and advise us of their decision. The Rural Water Department will then advise each of the groups of this decision.

- **Taking in Charge of Group Water Schemes by Uisce Eireann**

Uisce Eireann have also taken the following Group Water Schemes in Charge on the 17th of April 2024:

- Faughill Group Water Scheme
- Cleen Group Water Scheme
- Kiltogher Group Water Scheme

HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 30 th April 2024	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
4	4	100%	0	0%	0

New Tenancies created to 30th April 2024

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 30 th April 2024	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
1	3

Traveller Accommodation Programme TAP July 2019 – June 2024 – Progress Report at 30th April 2024

Accommodation Type	2019 to 2024 5 year targets Targets	Outputs achieved at 30 th April 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		32 (Including 9 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	43 (5 Year Target is 25 units = 172%)

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 30th April 2024 Total – 198	% Complete (Department Target 280 308) (Note: Department updated target to 308) 64.28%	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 30th April 2024 (Total number of inspections including Re-inspections) Total – 224
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HOUSING GRANTS

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

2024 Allocation ¹ - €465,615.15		(80% of allocation - €372,492.12)			€465,615.15
01/01/2024 – 30/04/2024		GRANT	NO	VALUE	
PAID 2024	HGD	16	€124,027.95		
	MAG	3	€14,259.00		
	HOP	30	€144,568.03		
	TOTAL	49	€282,854.98	€282,854.98	
Approved not paid ²	HGD	37	€383,567.83		
	MAG	19	€85,463.00		
	HOP	52	€274,595.70		
	TOTAL	108	€743,626.53	€743,626.53	
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved ³ Estimated (Averaged @ €2,000 / Grant)	HGD	13	€130,000.00		
	MAG	3	€12,000.00		
	HOP	29	€145,000.00		
	TOTAL	45	€287,000.00	€287,000.00	€1,313,481.51
Available Balance: €-847,866.36					

¹ 65% of 2023 Allocation of €716,331 (2024 Allocation not yet received)

² Includes applications approved in 2022/2023, not yet paid

³ Includes applications received in 2022/2023, not yet approved

COMMUNITY

Age Friendly Programme

On going work continued on the review of the Age Friendly Strategy by the implementing partners. A Wiser and Greener Age Friendly event in collaboration with Healthy Ireland was held on 11th April in the Landmark Hotel with 130+ attendees. The event was officially opened by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Justin Warnock and included an address by the Age Friendly Ambassador Seamus O'Rourke. An initial meeting was held with Irish Rail to commence works to progress the status of Carrick-on-Shannon Train Station to WHO Age Friendly Status. The Age Friendly Alliance Working Group on Community Transport met with Local Link to progress the development of a community transport service for hospital appointments.

Public Participation Network

Leitrim County Council and Leitrim PPN organised a meeting to develop a training programme for PPN Reps on Council Committees, SPCs and LCDC.

Healthy Ireland

The Funding Contract 2024 was signed and agreed. Healthy Ireland have prepared SLAs to work with the 9 implementation leads in 2024.

Africa Day 2024

Africa Day will take place at the Junction, Ballinamore on May 25th, 2024.

- Leitrim School of Art will host a number of workshops in African masks, printmaking, clay art, jewelry making & Batik art.
- The Junction Hub in collaboration with the Fab Lab from Manorhamilton will be doing demos in 3d printing, laser & vinyl cutting, podcast & green screen equipment
- North Connaught Youth & Community Services will be facilitating a percussion workshop, community singing & hair braiding
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Community Festival Funding

10 festivals will receive community festival funding and approval was given at each of the Municipal District meetings for the allocations.

Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund opened in April for applications with the first closing date of May 10th. An online information session was hosted on April 24th for potential applicant organisations.

PeacePlus

The PP Coordinator continues to respond to a number of queries from the funders SEUPB on Leitrim's Action Plan.

Following the departure of 2 members of the Partnership Committee due to work commitments and retirement two new members have been nominated to sit on the Partnership Committee. Cormac Hanlon from MSLETB & Maeve Whittington from CYPSC, nominated by TúsIa.

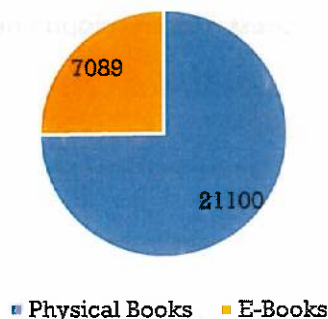
We are in the process of replacing Lola Gonzalez who has stepped down due to her involvement in the local elections as a candidate.

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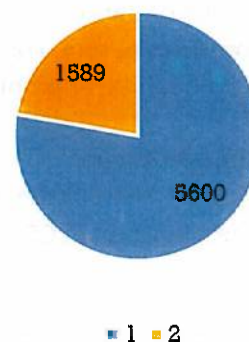
The closing date for nominations was 7th April 2024. A total of 67 entries across 6 categories were received. Judging will take place in May and an awards ceremony will be held on 10th October 2024.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Total Borrowed Library Books
Year to Date 2024



April 2024



A new book-club commenced in Mohill Library aimed at Adults with Down Syndrome, a Math Club for children with Down Syndrome also met in the library as well as the bi-monthly meeting of the Dementia Inclusive Social Club.

The very popular Digital Skills for Adults sessions recommenced in 5 branch libraries.

The Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit visited Drumshanbo Library where people took the opportunity to avail of free Blood Pressure and Pulse Checks. There was also a talk provided by Dietician Tanya Boss from Northwest nutrition & Dietetics on the subject of Heart Health.

A large number of school classes attended 'Spring into Storytime' Events held across the branch network. Many of these events incorporated an art and craft element for the children.

The mobility exercise classes recommenced in both Carrick-on-Shannon and Drumshanbo Libraries.

Local Historian Pdraig Griffin provided a talk in Mohill Library entitled 'Policing at National and Local Level in Post Famine Ireland'.

The hit online music station, **Rí Rá Radio**, which broadcasts entirely 'as Gaeilge' engaged with two Transition Year Irish classes from St Clare's Comprehensive School in Manorhamilton Library. Jade from Raidió Rí Rá hosted a creative and interactive workshop showing students how to record their very own voice link to add to a radio show using their smartphones. They wrote their own scripts as Gaeilge and chose their favorite chart hits to add to the show.

A vast amount of material from the late Michael Whelan's Historical Archive going back to the 1960's has been deposited in the Local Studies Collection. It is envisaged that a number of items and documents will be identified for digitisation. Jimmy O'Dowd and his daughter Grainne McHugh deposited two original documents to the Local Studies Collection. This relates to two letters written to Michael Waldron, Ashford House, Drumsna by L. Parke (1829) and Hugh Daly (1844).

Local Studies Librarian, Mary Conefrey, visited Drumshanbo Vocational School. Mary provided a presentation to 40 TY and LCVP Students about how to access the collection and how to gain and gave hints and tips about searching for material for their chosen local history projects. Students also got to view a selection of material such as National School Registers and bound volumes of 'Leitrim Observer'. A presentation was made to Teacher, Lorraine

McLoughlin and TY Co-Ordinator, Eddie Moran with a copy of *Leitrim: the Irish Revolution 1912 – 23* by Patrick McGarty and copies of Leitrim County Council Decade of Centenaries Committee National Day of Commemoration booklet *Leitrim Remembers* and copies of Leitrim Club Championships Souvenir Programs and Guides 2021 and 2022 gifted to the Library by Breifne Earley.

The Connaught Rangers travelling exhibition visited Mohill Library and there was an accompanying talk provided by Chairman of the association, Mr. PJ Maloney.

Leitrim County Council Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Justin Warnock, opened an art exhibition in Kiltyclogher Library by Rossinver based artist Paul Stockwell.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive

Date: 14th May 2024

