

Comhairle Contae an Chabháin Cavan County Council

Cavan County Council Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024



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Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024

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Introduction

County Cavan occupies an area of approximately 1,932km² and has a population of 76,176 (CSO 2016 Census). The County has boundaries with Counties Monaghan, Leitrim, Meath, Westmeath, Longford and Fermanagh.

The physical landscape of the County is characterised by its drumlin countryside dotted with lakes and hills. However, there are a number of landscape types all of which contribute to the uniqueness and distinctiveness of the County, from the Cuilcagh-Anierin Uplands Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Corratirrim Limestone Pavements (SAC) in West Cavan to the Killyconny (Cloughbally) raised blanket bog (SAC) in South East Cavan. This range of landscape types have varying visual and amenity values, topography and contain a variety of biodiversity and ecosystems.

Unfortunately, issues associated with litter continues to be a national issue that requires a consistent and concentrated approach to address it effectively. This is no different in Cavan and litter continues to be a challenge locally.

The presence of litter devalues and degrades our local environment, it generates a negative impression of our County and detracts from the vision that Cavan will be a place that we all can be proud of; a place where people can enjoy a good quality of life; a better place to live, work and enjoy.

Litter is a highly visible form of environmental degradation that detracts from the natural beauty of our County. It is not only a blight on the landscape that devalues our towns, rural communities and natural resources, but also defaces our footpaths, roadsides, special areas of conservation, parks, waterways and threatens wildlife. Litter generates a negative impression on those who visit, live and work in the County, makes it less attractive for leisure, tourism and investment and places a significant fiscal burden on the Council's finances and resources.



Statutory Obligations

The Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended was introduced on 1st July 1997 and provides the statutory framework for local authorities to prevent and control the litter problem in their functional area. The Act also introduced strong penalties which gives local authorities the power to take enforcement action against those who contravene these laws.

While litter seems a minor problem set against environmental crises such as global warming, climate change and biodiversity loss, it nonetheless has a negative impact on the appearance of our towns and countryside, on human health, on wildlife and represents a significant cost on local authorities to remove.

Before reviewing the actions taken under the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019 and identifying the main objectives of the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024, we first evaluate the following:

- What is the definition of litter?
- What are the prohibitions related to littering?
- What are the duties of local authorities, businesses and citizens in preventing littering?
- What are the enforcement measures available to local authorities?

Definition of Litter

The definition of litter is quite broad and extends beyond small waste items discarded inappropriately i.e. cigarette litter, food related litter including chewing gum, sweet papers, single use cups and bottles, etc. It also includes graffiti, unauthorised signage and any item which is likely to become unsightly.

Section 2(1) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended defines litter as "a substance or object, whether or not intended as a waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any other substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit".



Prohibitions relating to Litter

Section 3(1) of the Act states that "no person shall deposit any substance or object so as to create litter in a public place or in any place that is visible to any extent from a public place".

Section 3(2) of the Act states that no person shall (a) deposit anything that is commercial, household, industrial or municipal waste in any place for collection by or on behalf of a local authority or by another person, or (b) load transport, unload or otherwise handle or process anything or carry on a businesses, trade or activity in such circumstance as to create litter or lead to litter in any public place or any place that is visible to any extent from a public place.

Section 3(3) of the Act states "no person shall place *municipal waste*¹ into or near a litter receptacle".

Section 3(4) of the Act states "no person shall move or interfere with a litter receptacle that has been provided by a local authority or other person unless the movement or interference is authorised by the Council or other person". A person who contravenes any of the above provisions shall be guilty of an offence.

Duty of occupiers regarding litter

Section 6(1) of the Act states that "the occupier of a public place (not being a public road or a building or other structure) shall keep the place free of litter".

Section 6(2) of the Act states that "the occupiers of any land (other than land consist of a building or other structure) that is not a public place shall keep the land free of litter that is to any extent visible from a public place".

Local Authority Functions and Duties Generally

Duty respecting public roads

Section 7 of the Act states "a local authority shall ensure that each public road in its functional area is so far as practicable kept free of litter".

Prevention of creation of litter

Section 8(1) of the Act states that a "a local authority shall take all practicable measures for the prevention of the creation, and for the prevention and overcoming of the polluting effects, of litter in its functional area and for the control and disposal of litter and, for those purposes, may enter into arrangements with, or assist, other persons (including other local authorities) for or in the taking of such measures on behalf of the authority."

¹ means household waste as well as commercial and other waste which, because of its nature or composition, is similar to household waste

Measures taken shall include:

- (a) The collection and disposal of litter
- (b) Promote awareness of the polluting effects of litter
- (c) Encourage participation by persons in preventing and overcoming litter
- (d) Provision of facilities and services in relation to litter, including publicity, advisory and educational services

Littering Related Matters

Mobile Outlets

Section 15(1) of the Act states that "the owner, occupier of person in charge of a mobile outlet that is used wholly or partly for the sale of produce, food or drink shall, at all times when the outlet is open to customers provide and maintain adequate litter receptacles in order to prevent the creation of litter at or in the vicinity of the outlet while it is in operation". Any litter caused by the operation of the outlet must be removed from the vicinity within a radius of 100 metres from their outlet.

Major Events

Under Section 17 of the Act, promoters or organisers of major events are required to ensure that they have litter control measures in place at the venue and in the surrounding vicinity before, during and after the event. This applies to any event including sporting events where a large number of persons are likely to be present.

Advertising Posters and Signs

Under Section 19(1) of the Act it is prohibited to exhibit any advertisement (posters and signs) on land, including grass verges and roadsides, poles, or other structures which are located in or visible from a public place without permission from the local authority. Some exemptions may apply for local events under Planning and Development Regulations 2011 as amended.

Advertising Flyers

Under Section 19(2) of the Act, the placing of advertising material on a mechanically propelled vehicle in a public place is prohibited.

Dog Related Offences

Under Section 22 of the Act, where faeces have been deposited by a dog in any place outlined below and the person in charge of the dog has not **immediately** removed the faeces and ensured its appropriate disposal, that person shall be guilty of an offence. This applies to the following locations:

- Public roads and footpaths.
- Land forming part of a retail shopping centre.
- Schools, sports grounds, playing fields or recreational area.
- The curtilage of another person's property.



Enforcement

Litter & Waste Complaints

The Council acknowledges the support that it receives from the public in the reporting of incidences of littering. These complaints can be reported directly to the Council by telephone, via email, the Environmental Complaint Form on the Council's webpage and through the Council's social media. Complaints can also be made through the National Environmental Complaints Line on 1850 365 121 or through the "See It?, Say It?" app. All complaints received are recorded and fully investigated.

On-the-Spot Litter Fines

The Council has the power to proceed with enforcement action for litter offences under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended. Leaving or throwing litter in a public place is an offence which can be subject to an On-the-Spot Litter Fine of €150 and a maximum fine of €4,000 via successful prosecution through the courts. Any person convicted of a litter offence may be required by the Court to pay the Council's costs and expenses in investigating the offence, site clean-up and in bringing the prosecution to Court.

County of Cavan (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2019

Pursuant to Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended and Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, the Council have made Bye-Laws in relation to the segregation, storage and presentation of household & commercial waste within its functional area. These Bye-Laws have been made in the interests of the common good, to ensure the proper management of waste and to assist in the prevention and control of environmental pollution. These Bye-Laws came into force on the 13th December 2019.



Scope of the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024

Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended requires local authorities to make and implement a Litter Management Plan in respect of its functional area. Local authorities shall review its Litter Management Plan at least once in each 3 years after the plan is first implemented.

A Litter Management Plan shall:

- (a) specify such objectives as the local authority deems are appropriate to prevent and control litter in its functional area.
- (b) specify the measures to encourage public awareness with a view to eliminating litter pollution, including educational and information measures directed at young persons,
- (c) specify the measures or arrangements that are to be undertaken by the local authority in order to attain the objectives of the plan, and
- (d) include information on, or be formulated having regard to:
 - (i) an appraisal of all existing litter prevention and control programmes being operated by the local authority.
 - (ii) the policies and objectives of the local authority in relation to the prevention and control of litter.
 - (iii) the measures which, in so far as the local authority can determine, will or may be taken during the relevant period by persons other than the local authority for the purposes of preventing and controlling litter.
 - (iv) the facilities at which waste may be deposited by members of the public for recovery or disposal within the meaning of the Waste Management Act, 1996 as amended.
 - (v) the steps to be taken by the local authority to enforce the provisions of this Act in its functional area.
 - (vi) any incidental and ancillary matters.

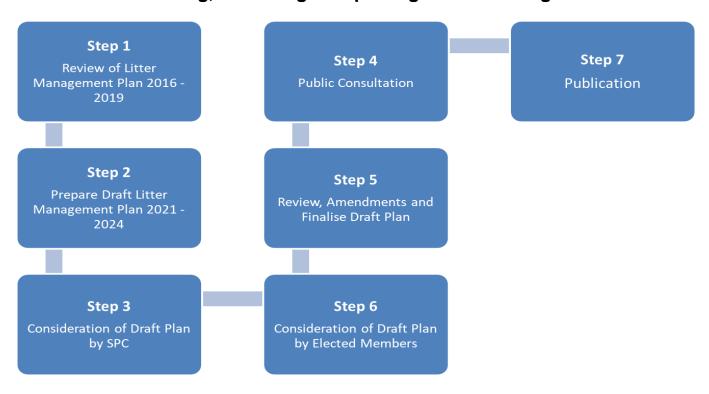
This Litter Management Plan evaluates the litter prevention and control measures taken by the Council and other agencies during the period 2016 – 2019. It also outlines objectives for the period 2021 – 2024 and includes information on:

- Educational and operational strategies to raise public awareness of the litter problem.
- Enforcement and prevention measures undertaken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended.
- Litter prevention and control activities undertaken by the Council and other agencies.
- Recycling and recovery facilities provided for public use.
- Information on the Council's Waste Presentation Bye-Laws.



Our goal is to protect and enhance Cavan's natural beauty through education, awareness and preventative initiatives, enforcement measures and continuing to work in partnership with our Tidy Town Network, Green Schools Programme, community and voluntary groups, businesses and citizens.

Procedure for making, amending or replacing a Litter Management Plan



Step 1 - Review of Litter Management Plan 2016 - 2019

• Consultation was held with Waste Management and Enforcement staff to review the previous Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019, evaluate performance against the targets outlined in the Plan and identify objectives for the new Draft Plan.

Step 2 – Prepare Draft Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024

- A review of internal consultation was undertaken and the Draft Litter Management Plan was prepared by the Litter Management Officer.
- The new Draft Plan was presented to the Waste Management and Enforcement staff for consideration.

Step 3 – Consideration of Draft Plan by SPC

• The Draft Plan must be approved by the Climate and Biodiversity Action and Environment Strategic Policy Committee for the statutory public consultation phase to commence. The objectives of Draft Plan was presented to the SPC on the 14th December 2020 for consideration with no amendments required.



Step 4 – Public Consultation

- The prolonged restrictions on the opening of public buildings imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the initiation of this step. The public consultation phase commenced on Friday, 2nd July 2021.
- Notice of publication was placed in the Anglo Celt commencing on Thursday, 1st July 2021 and was published each week until Thursday, 29th July 2021.
- The Draft Plan was also advertised through the Council's social media outlets.
- During the public consultation phase, the Draft Plan was on display in the Johnston Central Library, Farnham Street, Cavan during its normal opening hours.
- The Draft Plan was also available to view and download from the Council's website www.cavancoco.ie.
- The Draft Plan was circulated to all 18 No. Elected Members and and to 320 No. voluntary groups via Cavan PPN including 25 No. Tidy Towns groups.
- Submissions and observations were invited from members of the public and from voluntary and representative bodies. They were requested to submit their observations in writing to Jim Lyng, Environmental Awareness Officer, Waste Management Section, Old Library Building, Farnham Street, Cavan or by email to litterplan@cavancoco.ie.
- The closing date for the receipt of submissions was 5.00pm on Friday, 30th July 2021.

No submissions were received.

Step 5 – Review, Amendments and Finalise Draft Plan

• A final review of the Draft Plan was completed. As no submissions were received, no further amendments were made to the Draft Plan and the final draft was prepared for consideration by the Elected Members.

Step 6 – Consideration of Draft Plan by Elected Members

 The final Draft Plan was presented to the Elected Members of Cavan County Council at the November 2021 Council meeting held on 8th November in the Hotel Kilmore. The Draft Plan was discussed in great detail and received unanimous support from the Elected Members and was formally adopted by the Council at this meeting.

Step 7 – Publication

The final phase is the publication of the full and final Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024.
 The Plan is available to download from the Council's website www.cavancoco.ie and will be circulated to all libraries and public buildings throughout the County.



Review of the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019

Introduction

The previous Litter Management Plan was published by the Council in 2016. The Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019 described the activities and resources to be put in place by the Council for the management of litter over this period. A summary report on measures taken over the period 2016 – 2019 is presented below:

Expenditure on Litter Prevention and Control

During the lifetime of the Litter Management Plan, the Council expended significant resources and effort on its street cleaning, litter prevention and control activities and public awareness activities. Expenditure by the Council during the period 2016 – 2020 is set out hereunder:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Street Cleaning	€536,374.93	€560,764.71	€552,048.88	€500,684.10	€565,751.15
Community	€188,947.59	€258,052.59	€257,946.01	€320,228.80	€338,215.61
Warden					
Services					
Public	€66,286.01	€85,070.00	€161,263.43	€197,143.31	€179,107.36
Awareness and					
Promotional					
Activities					
Total	€791,608.53	€903,887.30	€971,258.32	€1,018,056.21	€1,083,074.12

Table 1 – Cavan County Council's Expenditure on Litter Related Activities 2016 – 2020



Objective 1: Education and Awareness

Education Measures

Green Schools Programme

Cavan has a well-established Green Schools Programme (GSP). The GSP is operated and coordinated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce and co-ordinated locally by the Council. The GSP promotes long-term, whole-school action for the environment. It is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community.

There are over 90 educational institutions (primary schools, post primary schools, special schools, a third level institution and adult education centres) in the County with approximately 90% (87 educational institutions) having registered and participated in the programme since its inception in 1997.

There are now 10 Green Flag themes which include Litter & Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship Litter & Waste, Global Citizenship Energy, Global Citizenship Marine Environment, Global Citizenship Travel and Global Citizenship Food & Biodiversity. Litter and Waste is the first theme of the GSP and is a recurring theme throughout all flag renewals. The number of Green School Flags awarded in County Cavan are detailed below:

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
18	15	18	13	11

Table 2 – Number of Green Flags awarded 2016 – 2020



Loreto College, Cavan were awarded 2 Green Flags during the 2016 - 2020 period



Tidy Schools Competition

The inaugural Tidy Schools Competition took place during the Summer of 2019. The competition was based on 5 criteria – Participation in the Green Schools Programme, Litter and Waste Prevention, Recycling and Anti-Litter Promotion, Biodiversity and Links to the Community. Marks were awarded to each school under each of the above headings.

The overall winners were Scoil Bhride in Killeshandra.





Scoil Bhride, Killeshandra

Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) Awareness Campaign

Chewing gum is one of the largest components of litter in the County. The GLT have a specific education programme for primary schools which aims to inform young people about the environmental damage and social cost of littering when items such as chewing gum are disposed of carelessly.

The Council fully participated in this awareness campaign over the last 3 years and launched our campaigns in Kingscourt in 2017, Cootehill in 2018 and Cavan Town in 2019.



2018 Gum Litter Taskforce launched by Cllr. Madeline Argue, Cathaoirleach, Cavan County Council

Each of these campaigns were launched by the respective Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council and members of local Tidy Towns Groups and primary schools.



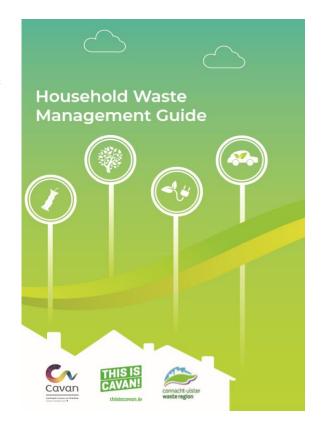
Waste Management Guidelines Information Booklet

Funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and as part of the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2019, the Waste Management Section designed an information booklet "Household Waste Management Guide".

This 20-page booklet provides advice on how to appropriately manage household waste and includes measures on how to prevent and reduce waste at home.

This booklet was distributed to the readers of the Anglo Celt as part of Celtic Media Groups "Green Future" production which was published in October 2020.

The booklet will be also be distributed to householders at workshops, trade shows and information days held/attended by the Council in the future.



It will also be distributed to new Council Housing Tenants upon competition of their Pre-Tenancy Training and through the Green Schools Programme and Tidy Towns Network.



Awareness Measures

National Spring Clean

The National Spring Clean Campaign which runs throughout Ireland during the month of April has gone from strength to strength in County Cavan over the past 3 years. In support of this campaign, we encouraged Green Schools, Tidy Towns Groups, local community and voluntary groups, resident associations and businesses throughout the County to become involved in clean-up projects in their area.

Bags, gloves, litter pickers and high-vis vests were among the items provided to groups to assist in their clean ups. Groups from all over the County participated in the campaign and large amounts of roadside litter were collected each year. The number of groups participating in this campaign have steadily increased since 2016.

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of groups registered		56	72	73	94	71
Number of	participants	1,309	2,474	1,835	2,323	1,743
(approx.)						

Table 3 – Registered participants of National Spring Clean 2016 – 2020



2019 Spring Clean launch with Elected Members of Cavan County Council, Cavan Tidy Towns and Sarah McGovern Vaughan, National Spring Clean Ambassador



Dog Fouling

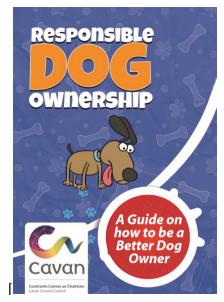
Dog Fouling is another form of litter and the Council has run awareness campaigns to inform the public that under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, that it is an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to clean up **immediately** after their dog fouls in a public place.

The Council have published a "Responsible Dog Ownership" information booklet which was distributed at workshops, information days and trade shows hosted/attended by the Council and through our Green Schools Programme.

The Council have also provided Tidy Towns Groups with stencils which can be used on footpaths and along walking routes that grab the attention of the public on issues relating to Dog Fouling.

The Community Wardens and Dog Warden undertook regular litter patrols of areas where high levels of complaints of dog fouling were reported.

In 2018, the Council ran its "Save our Soles" billboard campaign which was displayed on the N3, Cavan to Dublin Road at New Inns with an average daily flow of traffic of 12,229 vehicles (Transport Infrastructure Ireland).









County Litter Leagues

The Council worked with local communities to improve the cleanliness and appearance of our towns, villages and countryside. The Council used similar inspections and scoring criteria employed by IBAL for Cavan Town. The County Litter League was based on regular inspections of 28 towns and villages within the County. All selected towns and villages were surveyed by litter enforcement staff. For results of the 2016 – 2019 Litter Leagues, please refer to Appendix 3.



Hanging Baskets, Main Street, Mullagh

National Litter Pollution Monitoring System (NLPMS)

NLPMS is a system for monitoring the extent and severity and causes of litter pollution. Tobin Consulting Engineers, on behalf of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment administer the system. Local authorities feed data into the system annually following regular surveys. The data produced by NLPMS surveys allow local authorities to gauge the extent and severity of litter pollution in their administrative area, the types, most likely sources and causes of litter pollution, the changes in litter levels from location to location and the location of litter blackspots.

Under the national monitoring system, the **extent** and **severity** of litter pollution is measured using a Litter Pollution Index (LPI), which is a scale of 1 to 5 as described below:

- 1. Unpolluted or Litter Free
- 2. Slightly Polluted
- 3. Moderately Polluted
- 4. Significantly Polluted
- 5. Grossly Polluted

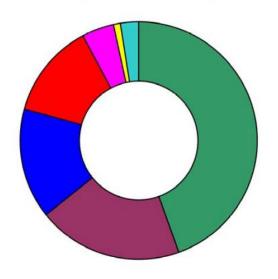
Details of litter composition for County Cavan for the 2016 – 2020 period is listed below:

Litter Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cigarette Related	52.57%	46%	53.8%	58.4%	44.5%
Packaging Items	16.10%	18.6%	15.1%	8.7%	19.8%
Food Related	7.02%	20.1%	5.6%	4.6%	15.0%
Sweet Related	12.8%	10.1%	18.7%	17.1%	12.9%
Deleterious Litter	1.35%	0.7%	0.8%	0.2%	1.0%
Paper Items	8.21%	0.0%	5.3%	9.3%	4.4%
Large Litter Items	1.08%	0.1%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
Plastic Items (non-packaging)	0.32%	0.6%	0.1%	0.9%	0.0%
Miscellaneous	0.54%	0.0%	0.6%	0.2%	2.5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 4 - NLPMS Composition of Litter 2016 - 2020

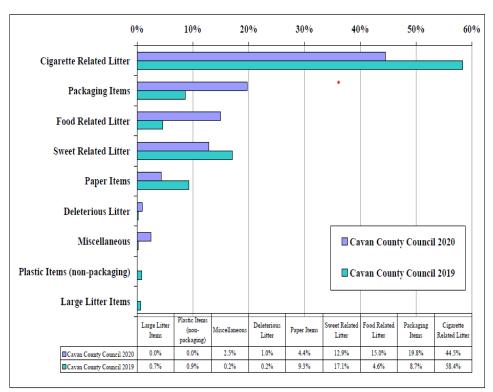


Litter Composition in Cavan County Council, 2020



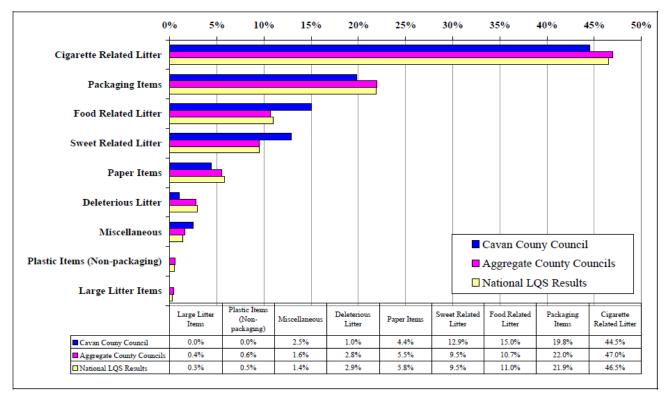


The results show that Cigarette Litter is consistently the largest contributor of litter in County Cavan over the last 4 years.



Comparison of Litter Composition in Cavan County, 2019 and 2020





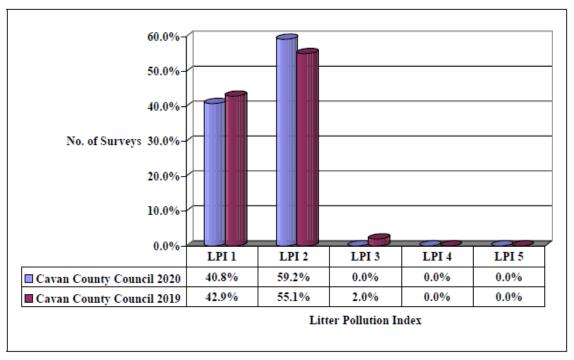
Comparison of Litter Composition in Cavan County Council with Aggregate Results for County Councils and National Results

LPI Scale	Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rating						
1	Unpolluted or Litter Free	1.0%	5.8%	14.1%	42.9%	40.8%
2	Slightly Polluted	88.0%	80.8%	84.8%	55.1%	59.2%
3	Moderately Polluted	10.0%	12.5%	1.0%	2.0%	0.0%
4	Significantly Polluted	1.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
5	Grossly Polluted	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

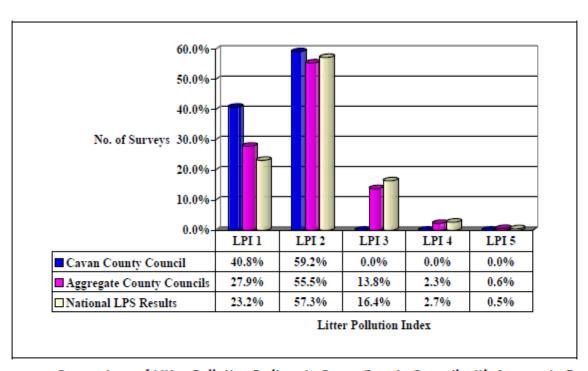
Table 5 - Litter Pollution Index 2016 - 2020

A comparison for the period 2016 – 2020 shows a significant increase in the proportion of areas that are unpolluted or litter free with no areas been classified as Significantly Polluted or Grossly Polluted in the last 2 years.





Litter Pollution Sur vey Results for Cavan County, 2019-2020



Comparison of Litter Pollution Indices in Cavan County Council with Aggregate Results for County Councils and National Results



"It's Not in Our Nature" Anti-Dumping Media Campaign

The Council have participated in the 'It's Not in Our Nature – is it in Yours?' Anti-Dumping media campaigns since 2017 along with all other local authorities in the Connacht Ulster region to highlight issues around illegal dumping. This project has been run by the local authorities with the support from the Connacht Ulster Waste Region Enforcement and Planning Offices, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) and stakeholders across the region.

A wide range other projects haven taken place across the County including abatement measures, preventative measures and education and awareness measures which are explained in greater detail throughout this document.



European Recycling Platform (ERP)

The Council have supported awareness campaigns run by the ERP including "Don't Waste a Day" and "Batteries for Barretstown" to remind consumers that any appliance with a plug or battery can be recycled for free and if these electrical and electronic devices are not disposed of in a sustainable way, the hazardous materials contained within them can damage both the environment and human health through leakage.



Stop Food Waste Challenge

In September 2017, the Council ran its first Stop Food Waste Challenge in Cavan Town and Bailieborough. This 4-week challenge was attended by staff members of the Waste Management Section, members from the local Tidy Towns Groups and members of the public.

How it worked

- Consisted of 4 x 1-hour meetings over 4 consecutive weeks.
- Workshops were led by a trained facilitator.
- Each meeting had a structured approach and consisted of a few elements — a video presentation, presentation from trained facilitator, group discussion, and challenges set for the following week.
- All participants were set a target to reduce their household waste by 25%.



The aim of the 4-week challenge was to raise awareness to the amount of food waste we as householders throw out. It also offered advice on simple ways householders can change their habits to reduce the amount of food waste that ends up in their bin each day and reducing the amount of money spent on food that is bought but never eaten.

This training programme continued in 2018, with the 4-week challenge held in Belturbet and Virginia. In total 47 participants took part between the four locations.

In 2019, as part of the Virginia Agricultural Show, the Council facilitated a Stop Food Waste Forum attended by staff from Clean Technology Centre, Cork.

Social Media Campaigns and Information Booklets

The Council have designed and published numerous information booklets and leaflets providing information on the following issues:

- Food waste prevention and recycling.
- Waste Prevention & Recycling Tips & Tricks information booklet.
- Your Community Your Environment in partnership with Irish Peatland Conservation Council.
- Responsible Dog Ownership booklet.
- Household Waste Management Guide.
- Recycling Bring Centres
- Information leaflets on Energy Conservation, Food Waste Prevention, Home Composting, Household Hazardous Waste, Waste Prevention in the Home and Water Conservation in the Home as part of European Week for Waste Reduction.



Water Conservation and Eliminating use of Single Use Plastics

A number of waste prevention and awareness projects were undertaken by the Waste Management Section in collaboration with Refill Ireland. The objectives of the project were to increase awareness regarding water conservation and to reduce consumption of single use plastics

The Waste Management Section provided an education stand at Cavan's 2-day food festival "Taste of Cavan" in August 2019 with Refill Ireland also in attendance and ran social media campaigns promoting waste minimisation and seeking to build a network of businesses across the County to provide free water refills to people who use reusable water bottles/cups.

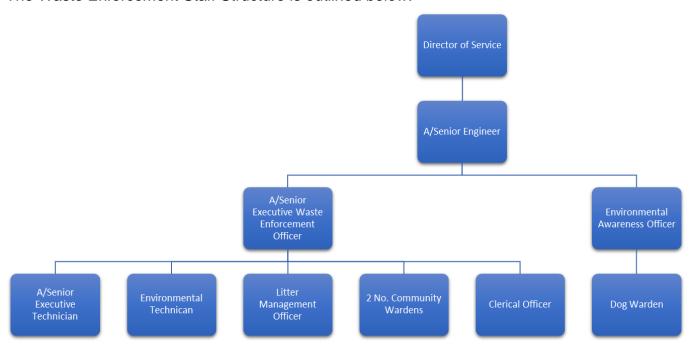




Objective 2 - Enforcement and Prevention

Enforcement Measures

The Waste Enforcement Staff Structure is outlined below:



The Community Wardens and Dog Warden are the visible face of the Council's various litter prevention strategies and represent a considerable opportunity to increase public awareness of the litter problem and enforcing the parameters of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended. The Community Wardens' activities have included:

- Assisting Tidy Towns Groups, community and voluntary groups and resident associations in their activities.
- Undertaking Litter Patrols which enables the Community Wardens to take immediate action in relation to new litter blackspots, fresh incidents of illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, etc.
- Visits to retail, industrial and commercial premises in the County to advise owners of their responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended.

The LMO is also the Green Schools Co-ordinator for the Council and visited schools to raise awareness on anti-litter initiatives and education on waste management and prevention practices. The LMO assisted the Tidy Towns Network by coordinating Anti-Litter and Anti-Dumping Initiatives such as National Spring Clean and Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grants and assisted the EAO in creating awareness campaigns.



Litter & Waste Complaints

All litter and waste complaints reported to the Council are recorded and fully investigated. We endeavour to deal with these complaints in a prompt, efficient and effective manner. Below is a breakdown of the number of complaints investigated during the period 2016 – 2020:

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Complaints received*	618*	647*	651*	601*	567*

Table 6 – Complaints received 2016 – 2020 *Includes litter and waste complaints

As a result of the above investigations, the following enforcement actions were undertaken during the period 2016 – 2020:

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of On the Spot	102	402	150	104	69
Litter Fines issued					
Collection Rate for fines	36.24%	46.26%	39.07%	41.34%	39.7%
Number of Convictions	6	4	1	1	1
Secured**					

Table 7 – Enforcement measures taken 2016 – 2020

As part of its daily operations, the Enforcement Team also carried out routine litter patrols and household and commercial waste management inspections. This work will continue in tandem with the newly passed Waste Presentation Bye-Laws.



An example of illegal dumping investigated by our Waste Enforcement Team



^{**} Includes cases under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended and the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended

CCTV and Improved Technology

The placement of permanent and temporary CCTV equipment at locations such as the Council's Recycling Bring Centre Network and litter/dumping blackspots took place to deter the misuse of recycling facilities and deter littering and dumping at remote rural locations. A mixture of covert and overt CCTV equipment was deployed.

As part of the Anti-Dumping Initiatives in 2017 and 2018, the Council invested in new technology including handheld tablets used by the Enforcement Team to document investigations and patrols and a drone which is used by the Enforcement Team to detect, deter and investigate incidents of littering and illegal waste activity.

The drone provides the Enforcement Team on the ground with enhanced visibility in difficult-toreach remote and rural areas. Areas where illegal dumping has been highlighted as an issue as well as historic landfill sites can be monitored, and the drone will assist staff in collecting more detailed data and improving daily operational efficiency.

County of Cavan (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2019

The Council has made Bye-Laws in relation to the segregation, storage and presentation of household & commercial waste within its functional area. These Bye-Laws have been made in the interests of the common good, to ensure the proper management of waste and to assist in the prevention and control of environmental pollution. These Bye-Laws came into force on the 13th December 2019.

These Bye-Laws will apply to all households, apartments and commercial premises. In order to manage your waste correctly you need to be able to prove that:

 You have a contract in place with an authorised waste collector (bin sharing is permitted for which proof of agreement is required)

ARE YOU WASTE COMPLIANT? ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE ADOPTING SIMILAR BYE-LAWS ENSURING A CONSISTENT APPROACH TO MANAGING WASTE ACROSS IRELAND. In order to comply with the new Bye-Laws: 1 You need to demonstrate that you are disposing of your waste in a responsible and legal manner; 2 You must segregate your waste correctly. YOU MUST USE ONE OF THESE OPTIONS KERBSIDE COLLECTION AUTHORISED WASTE FACILITY

OR

 You can demonstrate regular use of an authorised waste facility (Civic Amenity Centre)







All local authorities are adopting similar Bye-Laws ensuring a consistent approach to managing waste across Ireland.

A copy of these Bye-Laws may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Cavan County Council, Customer Services Desk, Johnston Central Library, Farnham Street, Cavan, Co. Cavan, A12 A3T1. These Bye-Laws are also available to view or download from our website at www.cavancoco.ie/waste-management.

For further information please refer to Appendix 7.

Abandoned Vehicles/End of Life Vehicles

Vehicles are often abandoned on roadsides, and on public open spaces including residential areas.

It is an offence under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended to abandon a vehicle on any land and both the person who placed the vehicle at the place where it was abandoned and the registered owner are liable to be prosecuted with fines of up to €5,000 and/or 12 months in prison.

The Council may enter on any land upon which a vehicle has been abandoned and remove the said vehicle. Where a vehicle is removed from land by the Council, the Council will endeavour to contact the registered owner by way of written notice as soon as it is possible thereafter. 57 No. Section 71 Notices were issued during the period 2016 – 2020.

Abandoned vehicles may be claimed by the registered owner under certain circumstances and conditions but shall be subject to payment of recovery and storage costs incurred by the Council before the vehicle can be returned.



An example of an abandoned vehicle complaint investigated by our Enforcement Team



Prevention Measures

Street Cleaning Operations

The three Municipal Districts (Cavan Belturbet MD, Cootehill Bailieborough MD and the Ballyjamesduff MD) provided street cleaning and associated services across their administrative districts. The street cleaning service was a combination of mechanised cleaning with manual sweeping as necessary on a set schedule set out by the relevant Municipal District. The associated services included emptying of public bins, maintenance of street furniture, weed control (from April to September inclusive), gulley cleaning and leaf removal during winter months.

Litter Patrols

The Community Wardens carried out daily patrols in respect of litter enforcement. Many of these patrols took place in towns, housing estates and areas prone to littering/dumping.

Bank ATM Surveys - Negotiated Agreement with the Banking Sector

Litter surveys are conducted by local authorities on an annual basis and the results are collated and analysed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment. This information is used to gain an informed position as to how the Banking Payments Federation Ireland (BPFI) members have been implementing Measure 3 of the agreed protocol.

The Litter Management Officer conducted a minimum of 20 No. litter surveys each year for the period 2016 – 2019 with respect to the cleanliness of the street areas adjacent to and in front of commercial banks in the County's main towns.

Dog Fouling

Since November 2017, the Waste Management Section has distributed dog fouling bag dispensers to Tidy Towns Groups for installation at key amenity areas including parks and popular walking routes.

To date, the Council has provided over 80 dog fouling bag dispensers (and a continuous supply of bags), along with pole mounted signage and footpath stencils.





Water Conservation and Eliminating use of Single Use Plastics

A number of waste prevention projects were undertaken by the Waste Management Section in collaboration with Refill Ireland, Tidy Towns Groups and the Green Schools Programme across County Cavan. The objectives of the projects were to increase awareness as regards water conservation and to reduce consumption of single use plastics.

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Greening a sporting event: The Waste Management S

The Waste Management Section coordinated with Healthy Cavan and Refill Ireland to attend a 5KM run at Killykeen in October 2019 as part of Reuse Month. Refill Ireland supplied a hydration station and reusable beakers and eliminated the need for single use plastic bottles.



Green Schools:

As part of the Green Schools Programme to promote responsible consumption, the Waste Management Section focused on waste prevention initiatives and specifically on the elimination of single use plastics. The Council provided all participating schools with reusable sports bottles made from sugar cane and started the roll out of installing water refill stations to post primary schools. In 2019, the Waste Management Section funded by the Local Authority Prevention Network provided 2 No. Water Refill Stations at Breifne College, Cavan catering for 750 students and 80 staff. In 2020, the Council provided water refill stations to St. Aidan's Comprehensive, Cootehill and Colaiste Dun an Ri, Kingscourt.



Green Schools Committee from Breifne College at the launch of their water refill stations and Reusable

Bottle Initiative in 2019



Reusable Cup Initiative

The aim of the Reusable Cup Initiative was to reduce single use cups in the County. The initiative was launched in November 2017 by the Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council and Bailieborough Tidy Towns. The central focus of the campaign was to work with Tidy Towns Groups to encourage citizens to switch to reusable cups and prevent litter and waste caused by single use cups.



Reusable cup launch in 2017 launched by Cllr. Paddy McDonald, Cathaiorleach, Cavan County Council

Anti-Dumping Initiative

In March 2017 Mr. Denis Naughten, Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment launched the above initiative to address illegal dumping across the country. The aim of the initiative was to tackle illegal dumping and provide local authorities with support to monitor and ensure the surveillance of dumping blackspots and develop an integrated approach to deal with this issue.

The Council have participated in this initiative each year since its inception and have undertaken projects under the following categories:

- Abatement Measures
- Prevention Measures
- Education Measures
- Enforcement Measures



Abatement Measures

These works involved the clean-up, removal and disposal of historical waste dumped at known dumping blackspots. Abatement measures undertaken since 2017 are detailed below:

Year	Location	Tonnes removed
2017	St. Aidan's Terrace, Cavan	13.90
2017	Snugborough, Ballyconnell	5.56
2017	Fartrin, Ballyconnell	9.62
2017	Ballyahise & Shantemon	3.90
2017	Beagh, Killenkere	4.18
2017	Doobally, Dowra	4.76
2017	Killeeter, Mullagh	46.96
2018	Cullaboy, Kilcogy	137.64
2018	Townparks, Cavan	6.72
2018	Fartan Upper, Castletara	5.72
2019	Ardkeen, Cavan	19.74
2019	Kilnaleck, Butlersbridge	3.28
2019	Tycusker, Arva	18.56
2020	Tanderagee, Bailieborough	24.18
2020	Tullymongan Upper, Cavan	0.98

Table 8 – Tonnages removed from abatement sites 2017 - 2020

Year	Number of locations	Combined Tonnages
2017	8	88.88
2018	3	150.08
2019	3	41.58
2020	2	25.18

Table 9 – Combined tonnages removed from abatement sites for period 2017 - 2020



Before Photo at Townparks, Cavan 2018



After Photo at Townparks, Cavan 2018



Prevention Measures - Bulky Waste Collection Days

The Council in partnership with other stakeholders undertook a wide range of Waste Collection Days.

As part of Anti-Dumping Initiatives funded by DCCAE, the Council have held a number of Bulky Waste Collection days at the Corranure Civic Amenity Centre where items such as mattresses, couches, 3-piece suites and household furniture were accepted.

Items Accepted	27 th July 2019	31 st August 2019
Armchairs	154	137
3 pc Suites	109	133
Sofas	118	112
Mattresses	29	356

Table 10 - Items received as part of our Bulky Waste Collections in 2019





Other items accepted comprised of bed bases, wardrobes, lockers, coffee tables, dining tables, chairs, dressers, rugs, carpets and lino. The Council also held a free waste paint collection day on 28th September 2019 as part of this initiative.





Items Accepted	18 th July 2020	15 th August 2020
Armchairs	0	169
3 pc Suites	0	145
Sofas	0	120
Mattresses	500	188

Table 11 - Items received as part of our Bulky Waste Collections in 2020

Other items collected in August 2020 included: timber furniture i.e. chipboard, bedside lockers, wardrobes, chest of drawers, timber flooring, laminated flooring, timber fencing, shelving, dining tables and chairs, internal doors, carpet, underlay and lino, bed base's, headboards, duvets and pillows, fireplaces, office furniture i.e. office chairs, desks, filing cabinets, car seats, prams, cots and strollers. **30 tonnes of waste was collected on the day.**

Education Measures

In 2019, the Waste Management Section created a 20-page Household Waste Management Guide. This booklet was distributed to the readers of the Anglo Celt as part of Celtic Media Groups "Green Future" production which was published in October 2020. The booklet will also be distributed to householders at workshops, trade shows and information days held/attended by the Council in the future.

It will also be distributed to new Council Housing Tenants upon competition of their Pre-Tenancy Training and through the Green Schools Programme and Tidy Towns Network.

In 2020, the Waste Management Section created an 8 page booklet providing information on the Council's recycling facilities throughout the County which will be used to generate greater environmental awareness and education. It will be distributed through our Green Schools and Tidy Towns Networks and to members of the public.

Enforcement Measures

In 2017, the Council acquired electronic handheld devices and developed a data capture app which has proved to be a more efficient method of logging and referral of complaints and enables Waste Enforcement staff to complete investigation reports onsite and upload photos and GPS coordinates of each site investigated remotely. This practice has reduced the amount of time spent by investigating officers in compiling reports and has reduced the amount of paperwork involved in each site.

In 2017, 2018 and 2019 the Council deployed covert CCTV surveillance at a number of known dumping blackspots and sites subject to abatement works across the County. In 2020, permanent CCTV was installed at 3 known dumping blackspots.



In 2018, the Council increased the use of smart technology with the addition of a drone to their enforcement toolkit. The drone has enabled Waste Enforcement staff a safe and efficient method of investigating difficult to access or large dump sites. Aerial imagery from the drone along with their handheld devices are used to record information as part of their investigations.

In 2019, drone ground school training was provided to all enforcement staff from the Waste Management and Environment Sections. This has given the staff the ability and relevant training to actively use the drone and comply with Irish Aviation Authority, Health & Safety and GDPR regulations.

National Tree Week

Planting more trees is the most efficient way of removing carbon from the atmosphere and combatting climate change. This annual campaign encourages people to plant more trees and get involved in local activities happening in their area. Each year during the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019, the Council received 200 native trees from the Tree Council of Ireland and provided these trees to Green Schools, Tidy Towns Groups and community groups. In 2020, 400 native trees were supplied free of charge to community groups.



Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grants (ALAG)

Grant funding is made available each year to Tidy Towns Groups who submit applications under the above scheme. All projects should seek to promote public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti and should have a particular focus on involving schools, youth groups, environmental groups, community and voluntary groups. Since 2016, the Council have grant aided Tidy Towns Groups a combined total of €76,806 to assist them in undertaking their annual projects.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019
Amount Allocated	€15,200	€19,900	€25,100	€16,606
Number of Groups	23	23	23	21

Table 12 – ALAG funding provided to Tidy Towns Groups 2016 – 2019



Art project undertaken by Kilnaleck Tidy Towns to deter littering and illegal dumping at the Kilnaleck Recycling Bring Centre



Recycling Bring Centre Network and Civic Amenity Centres

There are 30 Recycling Bring Centre locations throughout the County where plastic bottles, glass jars and bottles, aluminium and tin cans and textiles can be recycled. The Council have undertaken upgrade and improvement works at a number of locations during the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019. Improvement works have included the relocation of Recycling Bring Centres to areas with improved access, installation of improved signage and an increase of recycling receptacles to increase recycling capacity.

Recycling Bring Centres subjected to new informational signage and deployment of			
permanent CCTV surveillance			
Ballinagh Bring Centre	Cootehill Bring Centre		
Ballyhaise Bring Centre	Kingscourt Bring Centre		
Ballyjamesduff Bring Centre	Mullagh Bring Centre		
Bawnboy Bring Centre	New Inns Bring Centre		
Ballyconnell Bring Centre	Virginia Bring Centre		

Table 13 - Recycling Bring Centre Improvements

Extensive improvement works were undertaken at Ballyjamesduff, Ballinagh and Kingscourt Bring Centres in 2020. Works included the clean up/removal of historical waste from underneath and behind recycling receptacles and the surrounding areas, the treatment of waste removed, containment of the sites by the installation of boundary walls/fences, the restoration of concrete plinths and protective barriers and the installation of poles accommodating new informational signage, cameras and lighting.



Improvement works at Ballinagh Bring Centre



Objective 3 - Partnership with Communities and Businesses

During the lifetime of the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019, the Council worked in partnership with the Tidy Town Network, community and voluntary groups, resident associations and local businesses to provide a litter free environment for all.

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL)

IBAL is an alliance of businesses who believe that litter has a significant impact on our economic wellbeing. An Taisce, on behalf of IBAL, assess litter levels in Ireland's cities and larger towns against European Norms. Cavan Town has been participating since its inception in 2002.

The results show that Cavan Town has maintained its status as "Clean to European Norms" during the 2016 – 2019 period. At the end of 2015, Cavan Town secured a ranking of 12th place in the final survey of the year. However, the results for the 2016 – 2020 Anti-Litter Leagues has seen Cavan fluctuate up and down the league with Cavan Town placing in 23rd position out of 37 participating towns and cities at the end of 2020.

The IBAL surveys identified a number of locations where there was scope for improvement. Based on the findings of these Anti-Litter Leagues, the Council and Cavan Tidy Towns have directed resources towards addressing the problems of littering and illegal dumping in these areas.

	2016 Round 1	2016 Round 2	2017 Round 1	2017 Round 2
Position	31 st	27 th	29 th	18 th
Status	Clean to European	Clean to European	Clean to European	Clean to European
	Norms	Norms	Norms	Norms

	2018 Round 1	2018 Round 2	2019 Round 1	2019 Round 2
Position	18 th	19 th	27 th	25 th
Status	Clean to European	Clean to European	Clean to European	Clean to European
	Norms	Norms	Norms	Norms

	2020 Round 1	2020 Round 2
Position	23 rd out of 40	23 rd out of 37
Status	Clean to European	Moderately Littered
	Norms	

Table 14 – IBAL Litter League Positions for Cavan Town 2016 – 2020





Improvement works carried out at the Main Street Bring Centre in the Tesco Carpark, Cavan Town which was identified as a litter blackspot in IBAL reports



Cavan Town – Pollamore Near Supervalu, Dublin Road

New Bring Centre located at Supervalu Carpark, Dublin Road, Cavan which extended the recycling facilities in Cavan Town and replaced the Bring Centre located at St. Brigid's Terrace, Cavan



Water Conservation and Eliminating use of Single Use Plastics

Creating a Businesses Network

The Waste Management Section selected 4 No. Tidy Town Groups to work with Refill Ireland to create a network of businesses across the County that would provide no obligation, free water refills to members of the public who have a reusable cup or bottle. These businesses were added to Refill Ireland's online Tap Map which highlights all businesses around the Country who are participating in this initiative. A social media campaign coordinated by Refill Ireland and the Council also supported this initiative. New business networks have been set up in the following towns and villages:



20 No. new businesses signed up in Cavan Town.

16 No. new businesses signed up in Virginia.

10 No. new businesses signed up in Cootehill.

5 No. new business signed up in Butlersbridge.

The new additions to the Tap Map are made up of a wide assortment of businesses with over twenty five different types of business participating including: hairdressers, pubs, restaurants, bike shops, pet stores, barbers, vaping stores, butchers, auctioneers, IT/Phone stores, pharmacies/chemists, hardware stores, clothes stores, college, cake shop, gift shop, bakeries, fast-food takeaway, jewellers, toy shops, deli's, butchers, health store, credit union, GAA club, newsagent, architects and flower shops.

Tidy Towns Network

The Council has developed a strong network of Tidy Towns Groups around the County. The number of Tidy Towns Groups has steadily increased from 13 in 2013 to 25 at the end of 2019. The work carried out by the Tidy Town Network has enhanced their local area and community involvement coordinated by these Tidy Towns Groups includes the support of resident associations, businesses and other community groups.

This community involvement is evident in the increase in groups participating in the National Spring Clean and National Tidy Towns Competition which has seen Tidy Towns Groups win awards in recognition for their endeavours.

Both the Tidy Towns Network and community and voluntary groups also provide invaluable information to the Council in relation to extent of litter in their areas. This information enables the Council to address incidences of littering and illegal dumping at a local level.



Belturbet Zero Waste (BZW)

BZW began as a local response to the global problem of unsustainable production and consumption. BZW is a community led intervention which encourages behavioural changes by identifying sustainable practices and policies aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of the Belturbet Community.



This 5-year waste prevention, awareness and communication project was launched in February 2019 and is led by Belturbet Tidy Towns in collaboration with the Council, the Connacht Ulster WERLA and the EPA. It has already won the 2019 Spark Change Award in the Communicator Category and the Best Waste Management Programme Award sponsored by REPAK at the All Ireland Community and Council Awards 2020.



Members from Belturbet Zero Waste collecting their "Best Waste Management Programme Award" at the All Ireland Community and Council Awards 2020

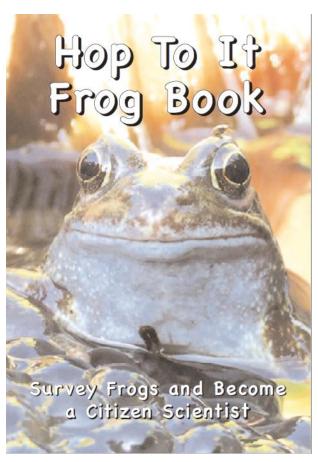


Community Environment Action Fund (formerly Local Agenda 21)

This scheme is jointly funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and Local Authorities to support projects that complement National Environmental Policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Air, Water, Sustainable Development, etc. A wide variety of projects and schemes have been supported during the 2016 – 2019 period, for example, rainwater conservation schemes, biodiversity gardens, educational initiatives including workshops for primary and post primary schools and publishing of informational booklets.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of Groups	18	21	25	23
Environment Fund	€8,500	€9,775	€9,775	€9,775
Local Authority Fund	€8,500	€9,775	€9,775	€9,775

Table 15 – Funding provided under this scheme between 2016 and 2019



Irish Peatland Conservation Council "Hop To It" Science Booklet funded under the Community Environment Action Fund 2019



Challenges facing the planning and implementation of Cavan County Council's Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024

Impact of COVID-19 Restrictions

In January 2020, a new virus outbreak emerged known then as 2019-nCoV. The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared this outbreak as a public health emergency of International concern.

In February 2020, the WHO renamed the virus COVID-19 (coronavirus). On the 29th February 2020, the first known case of the virus was confirmed in Ireland. By the end of March 2020, the virus had taken a foothold in so many countries and due to the spread and severity of the virus the WHO recharacterised it as a pandemic.

The pandemic's arrival in Ireland saw the Government introduce new restrictions to reduce the spread, which affected many aspects of society including the cancellation of St. Patrick's Day parades and festivals, the closures of all schools, colleges, childcare and other public facilities.

COVID-19 will leave an enormous impact on how we consume, how we learn, work, socialise and how we communicate in the future. This crisis has affected every sector in this country and across the world and the road ahead is uncertain.

The Council are committed to supporting the community to navigate the COVID-19 situation. The Council will strive to ensure we maintain the same level of service to the community and we will do everything we can to offer assistance to isolated and/or vulnerable members of the community in County Cavan during the COVID-19 emergency.

However, the outbreak of COVID-19 has had a severe impact on development and implementation of the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024 including the following objectives:

Education Measures

- All Green Schools Visits planned after 12th March 2020 cancelled.
- Green Schools Awards ceremony cancelled.
- Tidy Schools Competition planned for Summer 2020 cancelled.
- Gum Litter Taskforce 2020 planned for June 2020 cancelled.
- All Green Schools Visits for 2021 were carried out virtually.

Awareness Measures

- National Spring Clean (NSC) planned for April 2020 suspended until July 2020.
- NSC clean ups scaled down to maximum of 15 participants with social distancing restrictions in place.
- Litter Leagues Surveys planned for 2020 and 2021 cancelled.
- National Litter Pollution & Quantification Surveys suspended until October December 2020.



 Update of Litter & Waste Activities for 2019 to Elected Members deferred until October 2020.

Enforcement Measures

- Litter & Waste Complaint Investigations & Enforcement curtailed during March June 2020.
- Increased patrols and maintenance of Recycling Bring Centres required during that period.

Prevention Measures

- Bank ATM Litter Surveys planned for May 2020 cancelled.
- Free Electrical & Electronic Recycling Bring Day organised by the European Recycling Platform cancelled.
- Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grants for 2020 deferred to 2021.

Partnership with Communities and Businesses

- Increased maintenance of the Recycling Bring Centre Network.
- Essential services provided by the three Civic Amenity Centres maintained in compliance with HSE Guidelines.
- Direct interaction with local voluntary groups including Tidy Towns Groups reduced.
- CEAF funding applications for 2020 deferred until further notice.

Climate and Biodiversity Action

• Tidy Towns Networking Seminar scheduled for April 2020 cancelled.

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Objectives of the Litter Management Plan 2021 - 2024

The overall aim of the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024 is to make County Cavan a litter free County with the support, cooperation and involvement of the Council, businesses, communities and citizens.

The main objectives of the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024 are:

Objective 1: Litter Prevention and Control

Objective 2: Enforcement

Objective 3: Public Awareness including Education and Information Measures

Objective 4: Partnership with Communities and Businesses

Objective 5: Climate and Biodiversity Action



Objective 1: Litter Prevention and Control

Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Street Cleaning and Service of Litter Bins	 The Council has a road sweeping and associated services contract in place with external providers. Road sweeping and servicing of litter bins are undertaken on a scheduled basis organised by the three Municipal Districts. 	2021 – 2024
Dog Fouling	 Extend the number of dog fouling bins/bag dispensers in our towns and villages with the provision of free bags to dog walkers. Increase the visibility and number of dog fouling patrols in conjunction with the Dog Warden. Continue to distribute our "Responsible Dog Ownership" information booklet. 	2021 – 2024
Takeaway Food Related Litter	The sight of takeaway litter along our footpaths, country roads and public areas is unfortunately becoming all too familiar. The nature of the packaging frequently means that this litter can be visible from a distance. The Council will: • Develop a poster-based awareness campaign. Posters will distributed to retailers that sell takeaway food, including disposable coffee cups and the retailers will be asked to display them at prominent locations on their premises. By informing the public at the point of sale should reduce this preventable form of littering.	2021 – 2024
Green Kilometre	• The Green Kilometre scheme invites individuals and groups in rural areas to become involved in looking after their own locality. Cavan County Council are very aware, and appreciative of the vast amount of work being done by Tidy Towns and communities groups. The Green Kilometre will assist people in our community who want to contribute to their local area. Since COVID-19, people are out walking and cycling more in their locality and this has increased their awareness of the amount of litter that is indiscriminately disposed of along the roadside, the wildlife that exists in the hedgerows/roadside and built heritage features such as old gates, water pumps etc. The Green Kilometre scheme offers the opportunity to get involved and make a positive contribution to the local area.	2021 – 2024



Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Waste Prevention	 The Council will continue to work with Green Schools, Tidy Towns Groups and other stakeholders to raise awareness on sustainable consumption and waste prevention. The Council will seek to: Extend the number of water refill stations in post primary schools. Extend the number of schools to receive reusable water bottles. Extend the number of Tidy Towns Groups and 	2021 – 2024
	businesses working with Refill Ireland to provide consumers with free water refills.	
Bulky Waste Collections	 The Council will seek to provide additional Bulky Waste Collections for the householders of County Cavan and divert bulky household waste from being indiscriminately dumped along our countryside. Collection days will cater for bulky waste furniture, electrical and electronic waste, hazardous waste and farm plastics and tyres. 	2021 – 2024
National Tree Week	 Over half a million trees have been planted nationally since National Tree Week first began in 1985. The Council will continue to support this initiative by: Continuing to provide native trees to Tidy Towns, community & voluntary groups, schools, etc. Improve awareness, understanding and enjoyment of trees across the County. 	2021 – 2024
Anti-Litter & Anti- Graffiti Grants	The Council will endeavour to make grant funding available to assist Tidy Towns Groups undertake local projects which promote public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti.	2021 – 2024
Operation of Civic Amenity Centres and Recycling Bring Centre Network	 The Council operate 3 Civic Amenity Centres which are run by a private operator and a network of 30 Recycling Bring Centres. The Council will: Seek to upgrade its Recycling Bring Centre Network by improving informational signage, improving the quality of recycling receptacles and increasing the recycling capacity (where possible) across as many locations as possible. Improve aesthetic appearance of each location where deemed necessary. Deploy permanent CCTV surveillance at all Recycling Bring Centre locations as part of future Anti-Dumping Initiatives. 	2021 – 2024



Objective 2: Enforcement

Enforcement activities will be a key focus for the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024. The Council have a statutory responsibility to enforce the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, Bye-Laws and other relevant legislation.

Enforcement actions will be taken against those caught littering or dumping in the following ways:

- Issue On-the-Spot Litter Fines of €150 where evidence is available to identify the person(s) responsible for littering.
- Provide greater information to offenders and awareness to offenders to ensure repeat offences are not committed.
- Where Litter Fines have not been paid, initiate legal proceedings, attend Cavan District Court and bear witness against offenders which can result in fines of up to €4,000 and expenses incurred by the Council being imposed on polluters.
- More serious cases will go directly to court under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended which can result in fines of up to €5,000 and expenses incurred by the Council being imposed on polluters.

The Enforcement team will carry out the following actions as part of this plan:

Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Litter and Waste Complaints	All complaints received will continue to be recorded and fully investigated in a prompt manner by our Enforcement Team. The Council will initiate appropriate action through enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended and	
	 the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. To improve efficiency in receiving and responding to complaints, the public will be encouraged to use electronic apps such as Fix my Street, the EPA's "See Something? Say Something" or emailing the Council at waste@cavancoco.ie which can be easily done on smart phones and tablets. 	
Smart Technology	Additional smart technology will be introduced where possible to increase efficiency and data capture in the areas of complaints logging, referral, investigation and enforcement.	2021 – 2024



Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Continued use of CCTV surveillance and associated signage	Placement of CCTV continues to be used at Recycling Bring Centres and dumping blackspots to prevent and deter littering and illegal dumping offences. • Deployment of permanent CCTV at all Recycling Bring Centre locations. • Installation of improved signage at all Recycling Bring Centre locations.	2021 – 2024
GDPR	 Carry out Data Protection Impact Assessments before the deployment of any new smart technology which can capture personal data. Liaise with the Council's Data Protection Officer to develop and implement relevant Data Protection Policies and inform the public of their rights under GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 through improved signed at Recycling Bring Centres and dumping blackspots and publishing Data Privacy statements on the Council's website. For more information please refer to Appendix 10. 	2021 – 2024
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	 Expansion of door to door enforcement to ensure compliance with the County of Cavan (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2019. 	2021 – 2024
Abandoned Vehicles/End of Life Vehicles	 The Council are aware of a number of bogus waste collectors who are offering to collect End of Life Vehicles for disposal. It is an offence under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended and the European Union (End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014 as amended to give a vehicle you intend to scrap to an unauthorised vehicle collector i.e. a Waste Collector who does not hold a valid Waste Collection Permit. The Council will: Run a targeted programme to raise awareness of the requirement that persons disposing of unwanted/scrap vehicles do so at an Authorised Treatment Facility. Will carry out coordinated inspections of Authorised Treatment Facilities. Please refer to Appendix 6 for a list of permitted waste facilities servicing County Cavan. 	2021 – 2024



Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Engaging with	• Engage with businesses owners/occupiers who	2021 – 2024
Businesses	have caused or are likely to cause litter by the	
	operation of their business. This will include	
	cigarette litter, sweet-related litter, food related	
	litter and packaging related litter.	
Engaging with the	• Engage with owners/occupiers of land to ensure	2021 – 2024
public	their land is kept free of litter where it is visible	
	from a public place.	
Unauthorised Signage	• Remove signs and issue On-the-Spot Litter Fines	2021 – 2024
	against people responsible for unauthorised	
	advertising and contrary to the provisions of the	
	Council's signage policy.	
Dog Fouling	• Take action and issue On-the-Spot Litter Fines	2021 – 2024
	against dog owners who fail to clean up	
	immediately after their dog.	



Objective 3: Public Awareness including Education and Information Measures

While there is a growing awareness of the importance to keep our County litter free, there is still a need to change attitudes and behaviours to recognise that littering is antisocial and devalues our environment. The Council has developed a comprehensive Green Schools Programme which combines an informative approach with practical supports designed to ensure that an anti-litter principles are promoted at all times.

Education Measures

Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Continue to develop and roll out the Green Schools Programme (GSP) to primary, post primary, third level and adult education institutions	 Carry out a minimum of 25 No. schools visits (virtual or onsite) each year through a combination of workshops, information talks, advisory visits and Green School assessments. Provide annual Green Schools seminars to promote the GSP for schools undertaking new flags or for new teachers. School tours of the Corranure Civic Amenity Centre will take place on request during the school year (dependant on H&S and COVID-19 restrictions). 	2021 - 2024
Picker Pals	 Picker Pals is an integrated content and activity environmental programme designed for primary school children and their families. Litter-picking activity is motivated through immersion in a Picker Pals story world and a Picker Pack containing adult and child litter-picking tools provided to students who take part. It is expected that it will be piloted in a primary school in 2021 with a view to rolling out the programme to more schools during the lifespan of the Litter Management Plan. 	2021 - 2024
Tidy Schools Competition	 Invite all primary schools to enter the annual Tidy Schools Competition with prizes to be awarded to best school in each Municipal District 	2021 – 2024
Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT)	 Continue to support GLT each year and select a different Tidy Towns Group and primary school to work with each year. 	2021 – 2024
Leave No Trace (LNT)	 Support the Leave No Trace Education Programme designed to promote responsible outdoor recreation through education and partnerships to reduce littering, water pollution, disturbance of vegetation and wildlife and promote the LNT 7 principles. 	2021 – 2024



Information Measures

The Council considers that education should not solely rest with the school population. There is also a need to engage with and educate the general public and the business/commercial sector through awareness campaigns to minimise the amount of waste they generate and become more resource efficient, which will reduce the levels of waste entering landfill and indiscriminate littering and dumping in the County.

The Council will promote the "Waste Management Hierarchy" which advocates prevention, reuse and recycling (including composting) over recovery and disposal.





Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
	 Continue to support community and voluntary groups in undertaking litter picks and community clean-ups of public areas by providing litter picking equipment, signage and dog fouling bins/bag dispensers and removal and disposal of all waste collected. Provide information and support to communities on best practice environmental topics including resource management through workshops, seminars and direct engagement. 	2021 – 2024
Continue initiatives to combat dog fouling	 Promote the message "Any Bag, Any Bin reminding dog owners to exercise responsible behaviour when bringing their dog for a walk, through social media campaigns, printing of our Responsible Dog Ownership leaflet and through our Green Schools Programme. Provide stencils to Tidy Towns Groups which can be used on footpaths and along walking routes that grab the attention of the public on issues relating to dog fouling. Community Wardens will continue County wide Litter Patrols including high visibility dog fouling patrols of popular dog walking areas and known dog fouling blackspots in conjunction with our Dog Warden. 	2021 – 2024
County Litter Leagues	 Continue to undertake regular inspections of our towns and villages and work with the with local communities to improve the cleanliness and appearance of our County. 	2021 – 2024
National Litter Pollution Monitoring System	 Continue to monitor the extent, severity and causes of litter pollution in the County by conducting regular litter pollution and quantification surveys. Identify litter blackspots and track changes arising from altered litter management practices. Provide statistics relating to extent, severity and composition of litter in the County, changes in cleanliness levels from year to year and monitor the impact of any new anti-litter initiatives and submit this information to Tobin Consulting Engineers to be compiled with similar surveys from other local authorities. 	2021 – 2024



Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Anti-Dumping Initiative	 Continue to support the Connacht Ulster Waste Region Enforcement and Planning Offices, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) and stakeholders across the region in promoting future Anti-Dumping Initiatives. Undertake a range of projects including abatement measures of dumping blackspots, preventative measures - bulky waste collection days, educational and enforcement measures. 	2021 – 2024
Food Waste	 Support food waste prevention through the Stop Food Waste Campaign through awareness campaigns, production of information leaflets and through our Green Schools Programme. Provide a waste food waste collection service at Corranure Civic Amenity Centre by accepting household food waste and recovering via an anaerobic digester. This method will provide a food waste solution to householders who do not have a brown bin and who use the facility to manage their other household waste rather than using a kerbside waste collector. 	2021 – 2024
Social Media Campaigns and Information Booklets	 Increase the number of information booklets and leaflets produced by the Council including information on our Recycling Bring Centre Network and Civic Amenity Centres. Support Leave No Trace awareness campaigns to promote responsible outdoor recreation and the national education programme: 	2021 – 2024
Cigarette Litter	 Run an awareness campaign in partnership with publicans, bookmakers and Tidy Towns Groups. Design and create anti-litter posters to be displayed in prominent locations at these premises. Run social media awareness campaigns. 	2021 – 2024



Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
•	 The Council will provide a number of Public Cycle Repair and Pump Stations across the County, with at least one repair station to be installed in each Municipal District. These repair stations will be equipped with 10 tools to help repair bicycles, whether you have to pump tyres, repair a frame or more all in one convenient location. Each repair station will be located in close proximity to public areas such as schools, public parks and buildings, etc. Each repair station will be branded with the Council's logo and custom colours to blend in with its surroundings and will promote Ireland's Repair Directory www.repairmystuff.ie. The Council will engage with all Green Schools participating in the Travel theme of the Green Schools Programme and all post primary schools. The data captured will be used to determine installation locations. 	2021 – 2024
In-house initiatives	 Limit the creation of litter and waste within the organisation. Engage in Energy and Waste Awareness campaigns within the organisation with schemes such as Reusable Cups, Waste Segregation in canteens and offices. 	2021 – 2024
Promotion of the Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024	3	2021 – 2024



Objective 4: Partnership with Communities, Businesses and Citizens

The Council recognises the significant contribution made by community groups, businesses and citizens throughout the County in regard to litter control. It is only through partnerships with these groups/individuals that real progress can be made with regard to the problem of litter.

Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL)	 The Council will seek to address any issues highlighted by the annual IBAL surveys and will work with local businesses and Cavan Tidy Towns in addressing these issues. The Council will continue to direct resources towards alleviating the issues caused by litter and illegal dumping. 	2021 – 2024
Tidy Towns Network	 The Council acknowledges the contribution voluntary groups make in the fight against litter. The Council will: Continue to provide litter picking equipment to all interested groups and citizens to support their work in improving and maintaining the appearance of their communities Continue to support and provide financial assistance to Tidy Towns Groups through its Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant scheme. Will assist Tidy Towns Groups to work in partnership with Cavan Probation Services where feasible to undertake litter picking activities. 	2021 – 2024
Belturbet Zero Waste (BZW)	 The Council will continue to support BZW in their 5-year waste prevention, awareness and communication project. The Council will work with local businesses and householders to reduce all forms of waste, promote sustainable production and consumption within the County. 	2021 – 2024
Community Environment Action Fund (CEAF)	 The Council will continue to promote sustainable development and support small scale environmental projects led by local communities aimed at raising environmental awareness and taking action across areas like waste, biodiversity, climate change, air and water. The Council will continue to create collaborative partnerships with residents' associations, sporting groups, Cavan PPN, etc. with the view to creating a cleaner sustainable environment. 	2021 – 2024



Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Fostering a Repair Culture		2021 – 2024



Objective 5: Climate and Biodiversity Action

The Council recognises that Climate Change is happening now, and it will affect every part of the planet. The Council needs to respond more urgently to the threat of climate change and the loss of ecosystems and biodiversity. This objective aims to ensure a proper comprehension of climate change, to ensure that climate adaptation considerations are integrated into all functions of the Council and to extend this to the wider community. These actions will also support the Council's Heritage Office in implementing the Cavan County local Biodiversity Action Plan which sets out to conserve the Biodiversity of County Cavan.

Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
Green Schools Programme	 Support the Biodiversity theme by providing information booklets, learning materials and workshops to Green Schools. Encourage Green Schools to map out habitats on school grounds and submit their data to the National Biodiversity Database Centre. 	2021 – 2024
Tidy Towns Network	 Provide a workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Action for Tidy Towns Groups. Encourage our Tidy Towns Groups to compete in the National Tidy Towns Competition and to work towards special awards including the Sustainable Development Award and Our Community Climate Action Award. Encourage community groups to implement pollinator friendly actions in their towns and villages and make County Cavan an important refuge for native pollinators. 	2021 – 2024
Working with other stakeholders	 Continue to build working partnerships with Inland Fisheries Ireland, Waterways Ireland and the Council Waters and Communities Office to detect and prevent illegal dumping and preserve local water heritage and amenities. 	2021 – 2024
Climate Change	 Supplement the Council's Climate Action Adaptation Strategy and promote the sustainable management of our resources. Raise awareness of the role that Biodiversity plays in Climate Change. 	2021 – 2024



Objectives	Actions	Timeframe
All Ireland Pollinator	 Promote & distribute pollinator friendly guidelines to 	2021 – 2024
Plan	Tidy Towns Groups and other sectors locally.	
	 Promote & distribute the Junior Pollinator Plan to 	
	local schools.	
Grow it Yourself	Much of the food we eat has travelled hundreds, even thousands of kilometres to reach us. Carbon emissions from transport and refrigerated storage and excessive water and energy consumption causes environmental degradation and biodiversity loss and contributes to climate change. The Council will assist citizens to create their own food gardens at home, at school or in local communities by: • Assisting Green Schools create their own fruit and vegetable gardens, polytunnels, etc. through CEAF funding. • Provision of information stands at local farmers markets. • Delivery a social media campaign providing guides and information on planting, composting, cooking, wildflower planting, pollination, etc. • Explore the feasibility of creating local seed banks in partnership with Tidy Towns Groups where citiziens can share, swap and exchange seeds within the community. • Provide information on upcycling and recycling opportunities. • Provide a workshop/training for people interested in growing their own fruit and vegetables. • The Waste Management Section will also examine its own activities and support the Council's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019 – 2024 in decarbonising our activities and promoting the transition from a linear economy to a circular economy as per the objectives of the Connacht Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan and building climate resilience into every aspect of the work we do.	2021 – 2024



Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

The Litter Management Plan 2021 – 2024 aims to improve on the standards of litter management and cleanliness attained in previous plans. It highlights the critical role to be played by the various sectors of the community in achieving this, and acknowledges their contribution

This Management Plan sets out the objectives and actions to be carried out over the lifetime of the Plan to eliminate litter, promote a cleaner environment, sustainable development and raise public awareness to environmental issues. An annual review of performance against the objectives and actions contained in this Litter Management Plan will be carried out. The Council will continue to contribute to the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System, and our activities will be informed by the results of these and other surveys.

A report in accordance with Section 10(3) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, will be provided to the Council on an annual basis, setting out the outcomes achieved by the Waste Management Section in the previous calendar year against the objectives set out in the Litter Management Plan.

Summary

This Litter Management Plan will build on the existing partnerships forged with the community to combat all forms of litter and waste. All sectors of the community must work together to develop and maintain a clean, healthy living environment for all to enjoy.

Useful links:

Cavan County Council

www.cavancoco.ie

An Taisce National Spring Clean

www.nationalspringclean.org

Green Schools Programme

www.greenschoolsireland.org

Tidy Towns

www.tidytowns.ie

Irish Business Against Litter

www.ibal.ie

National Waste Collection Permit Office

www.nwcpo.ie

My Waste

www.mywaste.ie

Stop Food Waste

www.stopfoodwaste.ie

Refill Ireland

www.refill.ie

Environmental Protection Agency

www.epa.ie

Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

www.dccae.gov.ie



Appendix 1 Registered Green Schools

School Name	Address1	Address2
Cavan Youthreach	Moynehall	Cavan
Colaiste Dun an Ri	Shercock Road	Kingscourt
Corlea N.S.	Corlea	Kingscourt
Corliss N.S.	Corliss	Killeshandra
Crosskeys N.S.	Crosskeys	
Darley N.S.	Cootehill	
Fairgreen N.S.	Railway Road	Belturbet
Gaelscoil Bhreifne	Farnham Street	Cavan
National Learning Network	Cootehill Road	Cavan
Rehab Resource Centre	Cootehill Road	Cavan
St Bricin's College	Railway Road	Belturbet
St. Mogue's College	Bawnboy	
St. Patrick's N.S.	Corlough	Belturbet
The Cavan Centre	Kilnacrott	Ballyjamesduff
The Model N.S.	Bailieborough	ļ ,
St. Mogue's N.S.	Killycluggin	Ballyconnell
Aughadreena N.S.	Upper Lavey	Stradone
Ballynarry N.S.	Kilnaleck	
Dóire Na Ceise N.S.	Maudbawn	Cootehill
Drumcrave N.S.	Drumcrave	Cavan
Greaghrahan N.S.	Staghall	Belturbet
Kildallan N.S.	Ballyconnell	
Laragh N.S.	Laragh	Stradone
St. Maodhóg's N.S.	East Knockbride	Bailieborough
St. Mary's N.S.	Drung	
St. Michael's N.S.	Clifferna	Stradone
St. Patricks College	Cullies	Cavan
Virginia College	Virginia	
Bailieborough Community School	Virginia Road	Bailieborough
Cabra Central N.S.	Kingscourt	
St. Aidan's N.S.	Bawnboy	
Ballyconnell Central N.S.	Church Street	Ballyconnell
Breifne College	Cootehill Road	Cavan
Butlersbridge N.S.	Butlersbridge	
Crossreagh N.S.	Crossreagh	Mullagh
Crubany N.S.	Crubany	Cavan
Killinkere N.S.	Killinkere	
Lisboduff N.S.	Lisboduff	Cootehill
Royal School	College Street	Cavan
St. Clare's College	Virginia Road	Ballyjamesduff
St. Felim's N.S.	Farnham Street	Cavan
St. Mary's N.S.	Ballyhaise	



Appendix 1 Registered Green Schools (contd.)

Appendix 1 Registered School Name	Green Schools (con	Address2
		Kilnaleck
St. Patrick's N.S.	Barrock Hill	
St. Patrick's N.S.	Castletara	Ballyhaise
Ballinamoney N.S.	Bailieborough	Dally days and off
Castlerahan N.S.	Castlerahan	Ballyjamesduff
Corlurgan N.S.	Corlurgan	Cavan
Farnham N.S.	Drumelis	Cavan
Laragh N.S. No. 2	Muff	Kingscourt
Loreto College	Drumkeen	Cavan
Milltown N.S.	Milltown	Belturbet
Scoil Mhuire	Lacken	Ballinagh
Scoil Mhuire	Swanlinbar	
Scoil Naomh Brid	Killoughter	Redhills
Scoil Naomh Brid	Ballyconnell	
Scoil Naomh Padraig	Killinagh	Blacklion
St. Anne's N.S.	Chapel Road	Bailieborough
St. Brigid's N.S.	Tunnyduff	Bailieborough
St. Clare's N.S.	Virginia Road	Ballyjamesduff
St. Felim's N.S.	Leiter	Bailieborough
St. Patrick's N.S.	Loch Gowna	
Carrigabruise N.S.	Maghera	Virginia
Holy Family School	Old Bridge Road	Cootehill
Kill N.S.	Kill	Cootehill
Killyconnan N.S.	Killyconnan	Cavan
Knocktemple N.S.	Knocktemple	Virginia
Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Feilim	Corstruce	Ballinagh
St. Brigid's N.S.	Killygarry	Cavan
St. Mary's N.S.	Bailieborough Road	Virginia
St. Michael's N.S.	Station Road	Cootehill
St. Patrick's N.S.	Shercock	
St. Patrick's N.S.	Bruskey	Ballinagh
Scoil Bhride	Portaliffe	Killeshandra
Billis N.S.	New Inns	Ballyjamesduff
Convent of Mercy N.S.	Bridge Street	Belturbet
Curravagh N.S.	Curravagh	Glangevlin
Drumkilly N.S.	Drumkilly	Kilnaleck
Scoil Bhride	Mountnugent	
St. Aidan's Comprehensive	Station Road	Cootehill
St. Joseph's N.S.	Kingscourt	
St. Mary's N.S.	Arvagh	
Belturbet Boys N.S.	Railway Road	Belturbet
Mullahoran N.S.	Glan	Kilcogy
St. Killian's N.S.	Mullagh	
St. Clare's N.S.	Ard Mhuire	Cavan



Appendix 2 Tidy Towns Results 2016 – 2019

CATEGORY A	2016 Marks	2017 Marks	2018 Marks	2019 Marks
Redhills	304	316	320	325
Loch Gowna	291	298	302	308
Maghera	266	275	279	285
Kilcogy	251	256	260	265
Blacklion	242	248	251	256
Bawnboy	241	247	250	252
Lavey	-	225	231	237
Mountnugent	206	217	223	227
Dowra	-	200	206	211
Killydoon	-	-	206	210
CATEGORY B				
Killeshandra	-	-	-	303
Arvagh	263	270	274	272
Kilnaleck	254	265	272	282
Butlersbridge	-	-	-	269
Ballinagh	244	230	-	255
Swanlinbar	-	-	234	241
CATEGORY C				
Killeshandra	286	291	295	-
Belturbet	274	279	283	290
Mullagh	271	-	277	280
Kingscourt	267	-	-	-
Ballyconnell	244	251	256	260
Ballinagh	-	-	251	-
CATEGORY D				
Virginia	275	283	286	290
Kingscourt	-	274	278	281
Ballyjamesduff	264	-	270	-
Bailieborough	-	-	264	267
CATEGORY F				
Cavan	314	318	322	327



Appendix 3 Litter League Results 2016 – 2019



County Cavan Litter League Surveys – 2016

80%+ = Litter Free

65% - 79% = Slightly Littered

60% - 64% = Moderately Littered

Location	Survey 1 Marks	Survey 2 Marks	Combined Marks	Description
Ballyhaise	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Butlersbridge	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Glangevlin	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Kilnaleck	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Maghera	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Mountnugent	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Mullagh	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Redhills	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Killeshandra	97%	97%	97%	Litter Free
Arvagh	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Bawnboy	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Belturbet	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Gowna	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Kilcogy	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Ballinagh	93%	97%	95%	Litter Free
Kingscourt	97%	90%	94%	Litter Free
Stradone	100%	87%	94%	Litter Free
Blacklion	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Shercock	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Ballyconnell	90%	90%	90%	Litter Free
Dowra	100%	80%	90%	Litter Free
Ballyjamesduff	97%	80%	89%	Litter Free
Swanlinbar	87%	90%	89%	Litter Free
Virginia	90%	87%	89%	Litter Free
Cootehill	90%	83%	87%	Litter Free
Crossdoney	80%	87%	84%	Litter Free
Bailieborough	83%	83%	83%	Litter Free



Appendix 3 Litter League Results 2016 – 2019 (contd.)



County Cavan Litter League Surveys - 2017

80%+ = Litter Free

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Location	Survey 1 Marks	Survey 2 Marks	Combined Marks	Description
Butlersbridge	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Glangevlin	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Gowna	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Kilcogy	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Mountnugent	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Mullagh	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Redhills	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Arvagh	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Ballyhaise	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Kilnaleck	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Maghera	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Ballyconnell	97%	93%	95%	Litter Free
Belturbet	93%	97%	95%	Litter Free
Bailieborough	90%	97%	94%	Litter Free
Crossdoney	87%	100%	94%	Litter Free
Dowra	100%	87%	94%	Litter Free
Killeshandra	90%	97%	94%	Litter Free
Stradone	100%	87%	94%	Litter Free
Bawnboy	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Blacklion	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Swanlinbar	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Kingscourt	93%	90%	92%	Litter Free
Virginia	90%	93%	92%	Litter Free
Ballinagh	93%	87%	90%	Litter Free
Shercock	93%	87%	90%	Litter Free
Ballyjamesduff	97%	80%	89%	Litter Free
Cootehill	87%	83%	85%	Litter Free



Appendix 3 Litter League Results 2016 – 2019 (contd.)



County Cavan Litter League Surveys – 2018

80%+ = Litter Free

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60% - 64% = Moderately Littered

Location	Survey 1 Marks	Survey 2 Marks	Combined Marks	Description
Ballinagh	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Ballyhaise	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Bawnboy	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Kilcogy	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Lavey	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Maghera	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Mountnugent	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Redhills	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Stradone	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Swanlinbar	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Arvagh	97%	97%	97%	Litter Free
Butlersbridge	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Crossdoney	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Glangevlin	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Gowna	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Killeshandra	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Kilnaleck	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Mullagh	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Virginia	93%	97%	95%	Litter Free
Blacklion	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Bailieborough	93%	90%	92%	Litter Free
Kingscourt	93%	90%	92%	Litter Free
Ballyconnell	90%	90%	90%	Litter Free
Ballyjamesduff	90%	90%	90%	Litter Free
Belturbet	90%	90%	90%	Litter Free
Cootehill	93%	87%	90%	Litter Free
Dowra	93%	87%	90%	Litter Free
Shercock	87%	87%	87%	Litter Free



Appendix 3 Litter League Results 2016 – 2019 (contd.)



County Cavan Litter League Surveys - 2019

80%+ = Litter Free

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Location	Survey 1 Marks	Survey 2 Marks	Combined Marks	Description
Viles av	100%	100%		Litter Free
Kilcogy			100%	
Lavey	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Maghera	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Mountnugent	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Redhills	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Stradone	100%	100%	100%	Litter Free
Arvagh	100%	97%	99%	Litter Free
Bailieborough	100%	97%	99%	Litter Free
Ballinagh	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Ballyhaise	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Bawnboy	100%	93%	97%	Litter Free
Blacklion	93%	100%	97%	Litter Free
Belturbet	93%	97%	95%	Litter Free
Butlersbridge	100%	87%	94%	Litter Free
Killeshandra	90%	97%	94%	Litter Free
Virginia	90%	97%	94%	Litter Free
Ballyconnell	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Dowra	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Glangevlin	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Kingscourt	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Swanlinbar	93%	93%	93%	Litter Free
Cootehill	90%	93%	92%	Litter Free
Crossdoney	93%	87%	90%	Litter Free
Gowna	93%	87%	90%	Litter Free
Mullagh	93%	87%	90%	Litter Free
Kilnaleck	87%	87%	87%	Litter Free
Shercock	87%	87%	87%	Litter Free
Ballyjamesduff	83%	80%	82%	Litter Free



Appendix 4 **List of Recycling Bring Centre Locations**

- 1. Blacklion
- Dowra
- Glangevlin
- 4. Swanlinbar
- 5. Corlough
- Bawnboy
- 7. Ballyconnell
- 8. Belturbet
- Killeshandra

- 10. Redhills
- 11. Ballyhaise
- 12. Cootehill
- 13, Arva
- 14. Cornafean
- 15. Crossdoney
- 16. Lavey
- 17. Ballinagh
- 18. Killydoon

- 19. Kilnaleck
- 20. Ballyjamesduff
- 21. New Inns
- 22. Shercock
- 23. Bailieborough
- 24. Kingscourt
- 25. Virginia
- 26. Munterconnaught
- 27. Mullagh



Cavan Town Main Street Carpark

Pullamore Near, Dublin Road, Cavan (adjacent to Supervalu)

Tullacmongan Resource Centre

List of Civic Amenity Centres:

- Ballyconnell
- Corranure
- Bailieborough

Follow these do's & don'ts at Bring Centres



Always use the correct bank; glass in the right coloured bank, cans only in the can banks.



Never place residual waste or litter in the recycling banks.



Take any boxes or bags home with you and never litter the site.



Putting bottles in with cans contaminates the bank and prevents the contents from being recycled.



If the banks are full use an alternative site or come back another day.



Appendix 4 List of Recycling Bring Centre Locations (contd.)

GPS Coordinates for Recycling Bring Centres

Recycling Bring Centre	Location	Lat	Long
Blacklion	Rear of Service Station	54.290710	-7.878340
Dowra	Sligo Road	54.192601	-8.016672
Glangevlin	Blacklion Road	54.193564	-7.891487
Swanlinbar	Furnaceland Estate	54.189290	-7.703880
Corlough	Near Corlough Church	54.126106	-7.770111
Bawnboy	Ballyconnell Road	54.118957	-7.670785
Ballyconnell	Ballinamore Road	54.114230	-7.587390
Belturbet	Centra Shop, Old Cavan Road	54.099381	-7.431349
Killeshandra	Community Centre	54.013389	-7.529197
Redhills	Clonandra Road	54.100460	-7.320530
Ballyhaise	Raheg (Castletara Road)	54.049080	-7.309450
Cootehill	St. Michael's Hall Car Park	54.074695	-7.083203
Arvagh	Moyne Road	53.923983	-7.585424
Cornafean	McSeain's Public House Car Park	53.946590	-7.486904
Crossdoney	Shantully Inn Car Park	53.953598	-7.434322
Lavey	Opposite St. Dympna's Church	53.964317	-7.258615
Ballinagh	Centra Carpark, Main Street	53.930397	-7.408827
Killydoon	Parochial Hall Carpark	53.866751	-7.441907
Kilnaleck	Fairgreen (Adjacent to Copper	53.861544	-7.322457
Ballyjamesduff	Ballyjamesduff Co-Op Carpark	53.860588	-7.213383
New Inns	Opposite Lavey GAA Grounds	53.902265	-7.176390
Shercock	Cootehill Road	53.996979	-6.898052
Bailieborough	Tesco Carpark	53.917332	-6.968079
Kingscourt	Kells Road (beside Fire Station)	53.902126	-6.808369
Virginia	Supervalu Carpark	53.834432	-7.086840
Munterconnaught	At Munterconnaught GAA	53.792823	-7.066530
Mullagh	Rear of Fairgreen	53.811526	-6.945188
Cavan Town (Townparks)	Main Street Carpark	53.991001	-7.358203
Cavan Town (Pullamore Near)	Supervalu, Dublin Road	53.984457	-7.344400
Cavan Town (Tullacmongan)	Tullacmongan Resource Centre	53.985239	-7.355877

All sites accept		No Illegal Dumping or Littering
	Cavan	Permitted
Mixed Glass	Carethairle Contae an Chaitháin Caren Councy Council	Bring your litter
Jars & Bottles		home
Plastic Bottles	BRING CENTRE	Do not leave
		bottles, bags or
		boxes behind
Food Tins &		On the Spot Litter
Drinks Cans		Fine €150
Clothes &		Maximum Fine
Textiles	Keep our Community Clean	€5,000 under Waste
	Mede out Community Creat	Management Act
		1996 as amended



Appendix 5 Details of Cavan County Council's Civic Amenity Centres



Bailieborough Civic Amenity Centre

Shercock Road, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan, A82

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Phone: 042 9666892

Opening Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm

Saturday 8.00am - 12.30pm

Site Closed - Monday, Wednesday & Bank

Holiday Mondays



Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Centre

Fartrin, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan, H14PW18

Phone: 049 9527593

Opening Hours

Tuesday & Friday 8.00am - 4.30pm

Saturday 8.00am – 12.30pm

Site Closed - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday &

Bank Holiday Mondays.



Corranure Civic Amenity Centre

Corranure, Cavan, Co. Cavan, H12 DK61

Phone: 049 4327658

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm

Saturday 8.00am - 12.30pm

Site Closed - Bank Holiday Mondays

Entrance Fee to all 3 Civic Amenity Centres is €4.00

The following items are covered by the Entrance Fee:

The following items are covered by the Entrance rec.			
Clean Cardboard	Clean Beverage Cans/ Clean	Scrap Metal (Bicycles, Radiators,	
	Food Tins	Copper, Steel, Iron, Saucepans, etc)	
Clean	Clean Beverage Cartons	Mobile Phones	
Newspapers/Magazines			
Clean Mixed Paper Clean Glass Bottles		Aerosol Cans	
Clean Plastic Bottles	Used Cooking Oil	Gas Cookers / Butane Gas Cylinders	
Clean Clothes &	Batteries (All vehicle &	Fluorescent tubes/Light Bulbs	
Footwear	household)	-	

All electrical and electronic items are accepted free of charge.

For more information on chargeable items, please contact your nearest Civic Amenity Centre directly.



Appendix 6 Details of Authorised Household Waste Collectors

Household Waste Collectors

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Allied Recycling	Clonmellon Industrial	
	Estate	Visit: www.alliedrecycling.ie
	Clonmellon	
	Co. Westmeath	
Barna Waste	Carrowbrowne	Phone: 091 771619
	Headford Road	Visit: www.barnarecycling.com
	Galway	
Blue Dolphin	Kincorragh	Phone: 047 57786
	Smithborough	Visit:
	Co. Monaghan	www.bluedolphinrecycling.ie
	H18 E338	
Oxigen	Cavan Waste Disposal	Phone: 0818 694436/049
Environmental	Killygarry Industrial Park	4362928
	Dublin Road	Visit: <u>www.oxigen.ie</u>
	Cavan	_
Wilton Waste	Kiffa	Phone: 049 4374825
Recycling	Crosserlough	Visit: www.wilton-recycling.ie
	Ballyjamesduff	
	Co. Cavan	
	A82 F4W2	

End of Life Vehicles/Scrap & Metal Recovery

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Martin Cahill Ltd	Crossrule	Phone: 049 8544444
	Ballyjamesduff	Visit: www.martincahill.ie
	Co. Cavan	
Used Metals	Legaland	Phone: 049 4367980
Disposals Ltd	Crossdoney	Visit: <u>www.felixgormley.ie</u>
	Co. Cavan	
	H12F228	
Wilton Waste	Kiffa	Phone: 049 4374825
Recycling	Crosserlough	Visit: www.wilton-recycling.ie
	Ballyjamesduff	
	Co. Cavan	
	A82 F4W2	



Appendix 7 County of Cavan (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2019

FAQs

DO THESE BYE-LAWS APPLY TO ME?

Yes: these bye-laws will apply to all households, apartments and commercial premises.

HOW DO I COMPLY WITH THE BYE-LAWS?

In order to manage your waste correctly you need to be able to prove that:

You have a contract in place with an authorised waste collector (bin sharing is permitted for which proof of agreement is required)

OR

You can demonstrate regular use of an authorised waste facility.

WHY DO WE NEED THESE BYE-LAWS?

To help you manage your waste in an environmentally acceptable manner.

To ensure that your waste is only given to an authorised door-to door waste collector or brought to an authorised waste facility

To help ensure your waste is correctly segregated

To reduce illegal dumping and backyard burning.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T COMPLY?

If you fail to comply with any of the requirements of the Bye-Laws, it may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (Maximum €75) being issued by this Council or a member of An Garda Síochána. It may also lead to a fine on conviction of up to €2,500.

WHAT DO I DO IF I LIVE IN A MANAGED APARTMENT COMPLEX?

The bye-laws will still apply; the management company is to ensure adequate containers are provided for residual and recyclable wastes in designated waste storage points. They are also obliged to provide you with the written information regarding the arrangements in place. Segregation within the apartments will be the responsibility of the occupant, in order for the segregated system to work all apartments must play their part.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO DO?

Yes, you must segregate recyclable waste from your residual waste and present these separately. If you are living in an urban area, small town or village with a population of over 500 you must also segregate your food waste.

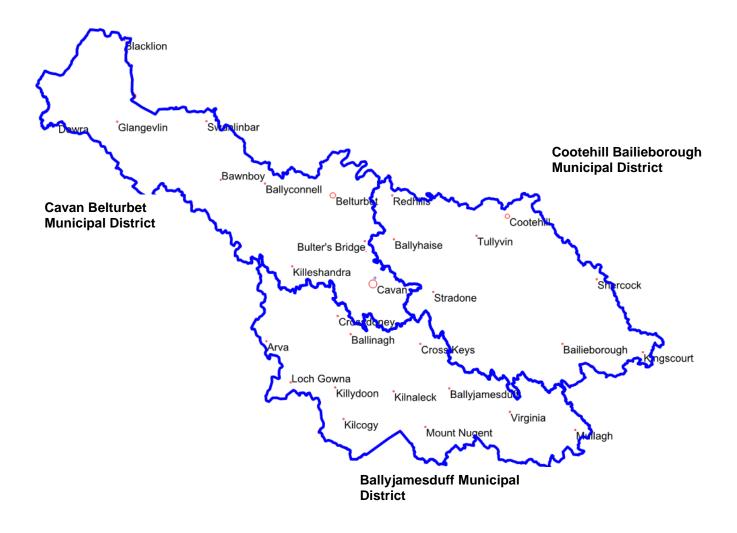


Appendix 8 Members of Climate and Biodiversity Action and Environment Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson	Cllr Philip Brady	
Elected Members	Cllr Madeline Argue	
	Cllr Winston Bennett	
	Cllr TP O' Reilly	
	Cllr Craig Lovett	
	Cllr Shane P O' Reilly	
Agriculture and Farming	Joseph Brady	
Environment/Conservation	Fintan McCabe	
Community/Voluntary	Barry Wilson	



Appendix 9 Map of County Cavan Municipal Districts



Municipal District Contact Information:

	Address	Contact Number
Cavan Belturbet Municipal District	Ballyconnell Courthouse	049 9526121
Cootehill Bailieborough Municipal District	Cootehill Courthouse	049 4378477
Ballyjamesduff Municipal District	Virginia Courthouse	049 8547013



Appendix 10 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

CCTV surveillance systems are a key component in preventing, detecting or investigating offences and apprehending offenders and securing subsequent While it is recognised that the prosecutions. systematic use of CCTV surveillance can undermine citizens privacy needs, processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority under Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, Waste Management Act 1996 as amended and Part 5 of the Data Protection Act 2018. CCTV surveillance systems capture data i.e. images of persons, vehicle registrations, etc. which is their personal data. This confers rights on them under Data Protection Legislation. The Council have a duty and obligation as the holder of this personal data to ensure such data is stored, handled, processed and destroyed correctly.



The collection and processing of video footage and any data generated from this activity will be strictly controlled under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 (including Part 5 of the Data Protection Act 2018 which implements the Law Enforcement Directive (EU) 2016/80 into Irish law) and also under the requirements of GDPR. The Council will seek to comply with best practice suggestions and guidance from the Data Protection Commission.

The Council undertakes to operate its CCTV surveillance system, and undertakes to ensure that those who operate it on the Council's behalf do so within the terms of this policy and the law and will review it regularly to ensure continuing compliance with the relevant legislation.

The Council's CCTV Data Protection Policy addresses these issues and sets out clearly what the Council, as Data Controller, must do to protect personal data in relation to our CCTV surveillance systems. Before implementing CCTV surveillance systems at new locations or before implementing changes to existing our CCTV surveillance systems, it may be necessary to conduct a Data Protection Impact Assessment ("DPIA"). DPIAs are carried where proposed data processing "is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons."

The Council's CCTV Data Protection Policy contains further information on DPIAs and further information is also available at www.cavancoco.ie/privacy-statement or by contacting the Council's Data Protection Officer by email dpo@cavancoco.ie or by phone 049 4378300.



To reduce the risk of recording personal data, the Council will be upgrading the signage at each Recycling Bring Centre to notify the public that CCTV surveillance is in place and to inform them of their rights under GDPR.



New template signage to be installed at Recycling Bring Centres



Contact Information

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