



Report of the Chief Executive

Pursuant to Section 136(2) of Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014

Reporting Period 1st July to 31st August 2026

BACKGROUND CONTEXT:

CORPORATE PLAN 2024 -2029, MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN AND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

This **Monthly Management Report** is prepared in accordance with section 136 (1) (2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The report relates to performance of his executive functions during the proceeding calendar month and is broken down by service area.

This report is one of a number of documents which report on progress with actions of the Council which are designed to achieve the objectives set out in the **Corporate Plan 2024 to 2029**. This plan was adopted in February 2020 and outlines the Local Authority's strategic framework for activity during the lifetime of the Council. (It is adopted in accordance with section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by section 49 of the Local Government Act 2014).

The Strategic Objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2024-2029 are as follows:

Placemaking – Making Cavan a great place to live, work, invest and visit
People – Strengthening our Communities
Economy – Promoting Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development
Climate Action – Succeed in mission to implement Climate Action Plan
Collaboration – Local, Regional and All Island collaboration
Our Council – Provide an efficient and effective Local Authority

In addition to the monthly management report, progress with regard to the achievement of the Corporate Plan will be assessed by **Annual Service Delivery Plans** (prepared by the Council in accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 50 Local Government Reform Act 2014). These plans are presented to Council each year and demonstrate the means by which Corporate objectives will be achieved and the performance standards of each service area.

The **Annual Progress Report** (prepared in accordance with section 134 (11) (c) of the Local Government Act 2001) will also be presented to Council each year as part of the budgetary process and shall show progress against the Corporate Plan. It shall also form part of the Council's Annual Report.

Finally, the annual **NOAC Performance Indicators Report** will demonstrate performance of the Council against national standards and the objectives of the Corporate Plan (Section 126c(g), Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by Section 61, Local Government Act 2014). It shall also form part of the Council's Annual Report.

The roadmap announced by Government on May 1st sets out a schedule for a return to "normality". The Government has accelerated the road map and the executive of the council is continuing to develop agreed policies, practices and standard operating procedures to supporting a return to full activity. The Council will be taking a risk based approach in a fair and proportionate way while meeting public health requirements.

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1. Housing

1.1 Social Housing Capital Investment Programme – New Build.

New Build Units completed in 2022, 2023, 2024: 212 Units.

New Build Units completed in 2025: 119 Units.

New Build Units completed to date in 2026: 29 Units.

- 4 Units at Slí na Coille, Belturbet (Q1).
- 5 Units at Radharc na Beairice, Kilnaleck (Q1).
- 9 Units at Plás na hEithne, Ballyjamesuff (Q2)
- 8 Units at Clós Chill na Leice, Kilnaleck (Q3):
- 2 Units at Patrick Street, Belturbet (Q3).
- 1 Unit at River Street, Cavan (Q3).

The Councils current new build programme consists of 20No. housing schemes for 351 Units, at various stages of planning, design, and construction.

10No. Schemes for 131 Units are currently under construction.

45 Units at Páirc na Teile, Bailieborough:

11 Units at Pairc na Cairéal, Cootehill:

2 Units at Oak Tree Park, Swellan, Cavan:

Units are under construction and due for completion in Q3'2026.

13 Units at Chapel Lane, Town Centre, Cootehill

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q4'2026.

9 Units at Widows Row, Belturbet:

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q4'2026.

4 Units at Drumbarlow Road, Kilconny, Belturbet, (former Flynns Pub)

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q1'2027.

7 Units at "The Palais", Belturbet:

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q2'2027.

10 Units at Coolkill, Kilnaleck:

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q3'2027.

10 Units at Clankee Court, Shercock;

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q3'2027.

20 Units at St Brigid's Terrace, Cavan – Phase 3:

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q3'2027.

10 No. Schemes for 220 units are at various stages of planning and design

7 Units at Kilnavara Lane, Cavan Town:

This scheme is at the construction tender stage.

3 Units at Aughnaskerry, Cavan Town:

This scheme is at the construction tender stage.

64 Units at Cnoc na Tiníleach, Swellan Lower, Cavan:

This scheme has received Stage 2 approval from the Department.
Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

32 Units at Mossy Meadows, Swellan Upper, Cavan Town:

A Stage 2 application was approved by the Department on 3 March.
Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

16 Units at Páirc Phádraig Uí Raghallaigh, Ballyjamesduff:

Preliminary Design complete. Single Stage Application made to the Department.

44 Units at Lios na Rí, Munnilly, Cootehill:

Tendering for the construction stage is in progress.

20 Units at Crossdoney Road, Ballinagh:

Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

20 Units at Kells Road, Kingscourt:

An Architect led Design Team is appointed and design work has commenced.

8 Units at Main Street, Killeshandra; (former Collettes Bar)

Approval in Principle received from the Department.
The next stage is to finalise contract documentation for the construction stage.

6 Units at Main Street, Belturbet; (former Mad Ass Pub)

Approval in Principle received from the Department.
The next stage is to finalise contract documentation for the construction stage.

1.2 Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme

Strategic acquisitions only i.e. must be to meet a specific need e.g. disability.
To date in 2026, one acquisition has been completed and three others are progressing.

1.3 Approved Housing Bodies - Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS), Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) Schemes

64 Units, Riverpark, Swellan, Cavan: Respond.
These units are to be delivered in Q3'2026 & Q1'2027.

26 Units, Old Town Manor, Cavan: North and East Housing Association.
These units are to be delivered in Q3'2026.

6 Units at Bridge Street, Cavan: St Vincent de Paul.
These units are to be delivered in Q4'2026.

1 Unit at Loreto Hall, Cavan: North and East Housing Association.
This unit is to be delivered in Q3'2026.

1.4 **Programme of Works to Vacant Units**

In 2026, **47No.** vacant units have been refurbished and returned to use.

- 15 Clonmahon Place, Ballinagh
- 5 Elm Grove, Cavan.
- Derrevin, Ballyjamesduff.
- 3 Tullacmongan, Cavan.
- 86 Drumnaveil, Cootehill.
- 5 Sail Inn Apts, Shercock.
- 12A Railway Road, Killeshandra.
- 1 Loughview, Cavan.
- 63 Rosehill, Mullagh.
- 136 Aughnaskerry, Cavan.
- 16 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar.
- 4 Mountain View, Corlough.
- 3 Chapel Road, Belturbet.
- 5 Killymooney, Cavan.
- 5 Tycusker, Arva.
- 22 Sean Lee Drive Belturbet.
- 7 Derryginney Gardens.
- Lacken Lower, Ballinagh.
- Bridge View, Virginia.
- 11 Tycusker, Arva.
- 17 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar.
- 6 Furnaceland Swanlinbar.
- 2 Fay Crescent, Belturbet.
- 1 Elm Grove, Cavan.
- 3 Elm Grove, Cavan.
- 1 Church View, Cavan.
- 4 Lough View Cavan.
- 60A Highfield Road, Cavan.
- 29 Killymooney, Cavan.
- 7 Carraig Beg, Lisdarn, Cavan.
- 4 Tycusker, Arva.
- 17 Glenview, Ballyjamesduff.
- 17 Blackridge, Ballyconnell.
- 19 Owen Roe, Cavan.
- 25 Breffni Court Toam Blacklion.
- 12 Breffni Court, Blacklion.
- 2 John Paul Avenue, Cavan.
- 12 Cabra View, Kingscourt.
- 3 Fairgreen, Belturbet
- 8 Railway Road, Killeshandra.
- 14 Glenview Ballyjamesduff.
- 38 Tullacmongan, Cavan.
- 9 Rathdrum Virginia.
- 2 Stranamorth Blacklion.
- 1 Stranamorth, Blacklion.
- Rahardrum, Virginia.
- 16 Breffni Terrace, Cavan

Work is on-going returning a further **18**No. vacant units back to use.

- 18 Chapel Lane, Cootehill.
- 8 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar.
- Cara, Stradone.
- 2 Stradone Village.
- 26 Fay Crescent, Belturbet.
- Monelta, Stradone.
- 25 Wolfetone Street., Cavan.
- Moylett, Bailieborough.
- 28 Tullacmongan, Cavan
- 82 Woodview, Bailieborough.
- 2 Tycusker, Arva
- 39 kilconny, Belturbet
- 25 Seangharrai, Ballinagh
- 77 Sean Lee Drive, Belturbet
- 24 Ard na Greine, Cavan
- 52 Rosehill, Mullagh
- 4 The Elms, Virginia
- 61 College Street, Cavan.

1.5 Croí Conáithe (Towns) Fund - Vacant Properties Refurbishment Grant

The scheme launched in July 2022 and has been expanded as follows:

- 1) The inclusion of one additional property to be made available for rent.
- 2) Property eligibility date to include properties built up to/ including 2007.
- 3) Maximum grant up to €50,000, with up to €70,000 available for derelict properties.
- 4) Additional funding of up to €40,000 where entire former commercial buildings are being converted into two or more residential units added in April 2026.
- 5) New "Above the Shop" and "Expert Advice Grants also added in April 2026.

• Total number of Applications received to date	692
• Number of Applications to provide further information	45
• Number of Applications approved in principle to date	501
• Number of Grants Applications Paid to Date	194

1.6 2026 Private Housing Adaption Grants

Summary 2025 @ 31.08.2026

The 2026 Allocation for the Housing Adaption Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme (for private homes) for Cavan is €2,843,696. Included in this figure is Cavan County Council's contribution of €426,554.

Expenditure at 31.08.2026

Grants paid	(old scheme) 14	153,040
	(new scheme) 111	1,113,532
In process of payment	New scheme 30	244,657
Approved	New scheme 274	3,226,816

The total committed expenditure at 31.08.2026 is €4,738,045

2. Roads & Transportation

2.1 National Road Major & Minor Schemes

N3 Butlersbridge Belturbet:

Contractual issues are still in the process of being closed out.

N3 Virginia Bypass:

Barry Transportation (Now Egis Engineering Ireland) are the Technical Advisors for the Scheme, and they continue to progress the scheme through Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

Site investigation fieldworks and reporting are complete.

Biodiversity and associated environmental habitat surveys, such as bat, wintering bird, barn owl, flora, fauna, aquatic, and wider ecological assessments, have already been undertaken. Additional validation and walkover surveys will continue throughout 2026 to ensure the information supporting the scheme development and planning process remains accurate and up to date.

Noise, Air, Topographical and Archaeological Geophysical Surveys are complete, however some validation surveys will be carried out in 2026. An underwater survey shall be undertaken at the Blackwater River crossing and the Lislea River diversion, including the upstream and downstream sections of both river locations. The findings of the survey will inform the Cultural Heritage assessment presented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The survey is anticipated to be carried out during September 2026.

An Agronomist working on behalf of Barry Transportation has carried out farm interviews. These interviews assist the design team in understanding the local farming practices and the impacts the scheme may have on those farm practices. They will also help the team establish suitable accommodation works.

Design work is ongoing, including further refinement of the mainline route, junction layouts, side roads and earthworks. The design of key structures such as bridges, culverts and active travel crossings is also continuing to advance.

Active Travel remains a key part of the scheme, with dedicated facilities for walking, wheeling and cycling being developed and refined to provide safe and attractive connections for local communities. The proposed Transport Park and Share hub facilities at Derver and Cornaslieve are also being refined to support public transport integration and encourage more sustainable travel.

Work is also progressing on drainage design, including attenuation ponds, as well as river crossings and diversions, to ensure environmental protection and compliance with engineering standards.

The identification of material excavation areas and material reuse areas is ongoing, with a focus on maximising the reuse of materials within the scheme and reducing the need to import or export material.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the scheme is currently in preparation and will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála as part of the statutory planning process.

Due to the scale of this project a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) is one of the deliverables during Phase 3. The PBC has now been drafted and is currently being reviewed by the Project Team prior to submission to TII for review, audit and feedback before seeking formal approval to enable progression of the project

The Scheme Project Liaison Officer continues to liaise with landowners and stakeholders in relation to their queries, investigations, surveys, studies and the like.

N55 Realignment (Corduff to South of Killydoon)

Section A comprised a 3.2 km realignment of the N55 at two locations south of Ballinagh and reached Substantial Completion in late 2018, with the Defects Certificate issued in November 2023. During the reporting period, final versions of the Project Close-Out Report and Lessons Learned Register were received and reviewed. The remaining close-out actions relate to finalisation of supporting documentation and agreement of the final submission package. Formal submission to TII has been deferred pending completion of these outstanding actions and final engagement with the Consultant. Subject to completion of the remaining items, the close-out submission package and Gate Review Statement will be submitted to TII to facilitate Phase 7 approval and formal project close-out.

Section B (Ballytrust to Mullahoran)

Section B comprises a 3.7 km realignment of the N55 immediately south of Section A and is currently at Phase 6 (Construction & Implementation) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

Construction: Construction is complete, with Substantial Completion certified on 13 December 2024. All instructed outstanding works were substantially completed in October 2025. During the reporting period, accommodation works and other minor outstanding items continued to be progressed with the Contractor, with no material change in the overall status of the works. The extended Defects Notification Period remains in place until 30 September 2026.

Road Safety Audit: The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit remains substantially complete. During the reporting period, the Auditor sought clarification on a small number of matters, and the RSA Feedback Form is being updated accordingly. Following completion of this process and final sign-off by the Audit Team, the documentation will be uploaded to the TII RSA Portal to facilitate close-out of the audit. No issues of concern remain outstanding.

Supervision and Handover: Cavan County Council continues to liaise with Tetra Tech (formerly RPS) regarding progression of the remaining Phase 6 and Phase 7 deliverables, including close-out documentation associated with the scheme. No issues arose during the reporting period.

Land Acquisition / CPO: Progress continued in relation to the two remaining land acquisition cases during the reporting period. Further engagement was undertaken by the parties and their legal representatives regarding completion of closing documentation and conveyancing matters associated with both cases. The Roads Design Office also continued preparation of the Land Disposal Strategy Report, which is expected to be completed following resolution of the remaining land disposal matters.

Archaeology: No update during the reporting period.

Financial: No further payment certificates were issued during the reporting period. Progression of the final funding adjustment remains dependent on determination of the outstanding claims relating to residual RSA works and completion of the remaining minor works. With the extended Defects Notification Period due to expire on 30 September 2026, the parties are expected to progress determination of the outstanding claim and discussions regarding final account settlement during the next reporting period.

Dispute Resolution / Project Board: No matters were referred during the reporting period. Close-out of the process will be progressed.

Road Opening: No update during the reporting period. The scheme was formally opened by the Minister for Transport on 29 May 2026.

The N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme

The N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme Project is currently at Phase 2 (Options Selection) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

Consultancy Services:

Phase 0 (Strategic Assessment Report) was completed in Q2 2023, with approval to proceed to Phase 1 granted by TII in July 2023. Sweco Ireland Ltd were appointed in September 2024 under a 45-month contract to progress the scheme through Phases 1 to 4. Design Team meetings between Cavan County Council and Sweco continue to be held on a bi-weekly basis, with the most recent formal meeting held on 4 August 2026. Additional workshop meetings were also held during the reporting period to review emerging findings from the Phase 2 assessment process and agree further technical inputs.

Progress:

The Scheme continues to progress through Phase 2 (Options Selection). During the reporting period, Sweco continued to develop the Phase 2 Options Report and supporting assessments. Environmental reporting has now been completed and is being incorporated into the overall appraisal and reporting process. Following review of the emerging findings, Cavan County Council requested additional investigation and assessment of the shortlisted options, including further comparison of the relative impacts, benefits and consequences of each option as part of the Stage 2 appraisal process.

Traffic modelling and environmental assessments continue to inform the appraisal and refinement of the shortlisted route options. The additional assessment work has extended the programme for completion of the Phase 2 Options Report. The Consultant continues to progress the Phase 2 deliverables, including identification of a Preferred Option for the Scheme, with completion of the Options Selection process anticipated later in 2026.

Public Engagement:

Two rounds of public consultation have been completed to date, comprising an initial Study Area consultation and a subsequent options consultation, including a public information event in Ballinagh. Submissions received continue to inform the assessment process and preparation of the Options Report. Further public engagement will be undertaken following completion of Phase 2, focusing on presentation of the Preferred Option, once identified.

Works Ongoing:

- Completion of additional technical assessment and appraisal of the shortlisted route options.
- Incorporation of completed environmental reports into the Phase 2 Options Report.
- Finalisation of traffic modelling and integration of outputs into the option appraisal process.
- Continued refinement and assessment of the shortlisted route options.

- Finalisation of the Phase 2 Options Report and identification of the Preferred Option.
- Preparation of Phase 2 deliverables for submission to TII.

2.2 National Road Safety Schemes

Cavan Crystal Hotel (R212) – Kilmore Roundabout (N3) HD15 HCL Scheme:

This scheme incorporates the installation of new footpaths, raised Cycle Lanes, New Bus bays and safety improvement work that would benefit cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists from the Cavan Crystal Hotel to the Kilmore Hotel.

RPS consultants completed this scheme to Phase 2 of the Project Management Guidelines. Clandillon Civil Consulting were appointed to progress this scheme through Phase 3 (Public Consultation) to Phase 7 (Construction) of the Project Management Guidelines.

Engagements with the majority of affected landowners have been largely successful, however, agreement could not be reached in all cases. The use of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) will now be used to acquire the necessary land take along the proposed scheme which may extend the timeline of the project.

Clandillon Civil Consultants are progressing the Part 8 planning application while simultaneously preparing the associated CPO documentation. Subject to successful advancement through planning, approval of the CPO, TII approval & funding - construction works are tentatively scheduled to commence in late 2027.

A temporary Toucan pedestrian crossing is proposed for installation outside Cavan Institute before the end of 2026. The crossing will serve as an interim safety measure until the full safety scheme is implemented. Delivery of the temporary crossing remains subject to approval from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

N3 Virginia to Carrakeelty More (Maghera)

RPS consulting engineers are progressing this scheme through Phases 3 to 7 of the Project Management Guidelines.

The Scheme consists of the following works:

- Provision of earthworks slopes, to remove the vertical hazard between the existing road and adjacent fields.
- Upgrading of selected field accesses for safe access to agricultural lands.
- Upgrading of 2 number local road junctions to improve sightlines and the width of the junction mouth.
- Extensions to 3 number existing culverts.
- Removal of objects and vegetation that are impeding visibility along specific sections of the Scheme.
- Realignment of 2 number existing land drains and provision of new surface water drainage systems.

Landowner agreements were secured in 2025 allowing the scheme to progress. RPS Consulting Engineers submitted a design report to TII, which was subsequently approved. A tender competition

for the construction works was published on eTenders in November 2025. S. Wilkin and Sons Ltd submitted the most economically advantageous tender and was awarded the contract. Construction commenced in April 2026 and is expected to be complete by the end of September 2026.

NP/NS Retrofit Fencing 2026

Cavan County Council has identified three locations along the N3 National Road Network that are suitable for retrofit works. A tender competition for these works is currently underway, and it is anticipated that a contract may be awarded in September, subject to the receipt of valid tenders and subsequent approval from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Vehicle Restraint System (Safety Barriers) Programme

A TII framework for the repair and installation of new barriers along all national routes is now in place. Surveys and works/repairs are ongoing within the County.

2.3 National Road Pavement Overlay Schemes

No TII funding allocation was received in 2026 for a PARR Scheme in County Cavan.

Emergency Pavement Scheme (EPS) and HD28 Sites

EPS

Cavan County Council has engaged with TII regarding the delivery of EPS sites on the national road network for inclusion in the 2026 programme.

The following sites were identified and have proceeded to tender in May.

- N3 Cornaslieve
- N3 Killygrogan
- N3 Cavan Bypass at Drumahurk

Breedon Surfacing Solutions provided the most economically advantageous tender, were awarded a contract, and commenced work in late August. It is anticipated that the EPS works will be completed in September.

HD28 Sites

Cavan County Council continue to engage with TII regarding the identification and delivery of HD28 sites on the national road network for inclusion in the 2026 programme. The following sites have been identified by TII:

- N3 Killygarry close to Cemetery.
- N3 Virginia at junction with Bailieborough Road.
- N55 Killycannon.
- N87 on approach to junction with R211 Milltown.
- N87 Ballyhugh

A tender competition for resurfacing works at these locations was advertised in March, with P. Keenan Quarries awarded the tender with works to commence in August. The contractor was unable to

commence works as scheduled and discussions are ongoing with the second placed contractor in relation to completing the works in 2026.

2.4 Regional and Local Roads

Strategic Regional and Local Road Schemes:

R188 Rathkenny East – West

The Department of Transport notified the council in late December 2023 that the strategic assessment report (SAR) prepared by the Road Design Office had been accepted and approved the progression of the project to Options Selection stage. Following further discussions with the DOT, the Roads section prepared a consultants brief to bring the project to Preliminary Business Case stage incorporating the feedback received from the SAR report and utilising the new Department of Transport Regional and Local Road Appraisal Guidelines.

A Consultants Brief was prepared together with Tender Documents and a procurement competition for Consultants was advertised in late 2025 with the process completed in Q1 2026. Following a review by the Department of Transport and subsequent discussions in April, a decision was taken to re-run the procurement competition with some changes to the project brief. A new consultants brief is being finalised following which a new procurement competition will be advertised.

Specific Improvement Schemes

L3504/R191 Canningstown Bridge Widening and Junction Improvement Works

In October 2024, Cavan County Council submitted a Specific Improvement Grant (SIG) application to the Department of Transport. The proposed project is a major bridge rehabilitation/widening project incorporating junction safety improvements and addressing bridge hydraulic capacity issues at this junction located within Canningstown Village.

Cavan County Council tendered for Design Consultants in February 2025 with a return date of 14th March 2025. Tenders have been returned and assessed, and Design ID Consulting Engineers from County Down were appointed on 21st August. The preliminary design stage commenced on 24th September 2025 and is continuing at present. Cavan County Council are liaising with the Department of Transport regarding draft solutions that will address both hydraulic and geometric layout issues while also keeping local landowners informed. An allocation of €120,000 was granted this year for the scheme.

Regional & Local Road Safety Schemes:

Cavan County Council received an allocation of €440,000 for 2026 to allow for the completion of nine schemes across the County. Scheme designs were completed and issued to the Municipal Districts for Construction which is ongoing.

2026 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads		
Road Number	Location	LA Allocation
	Renewal of Regulatory Road Markings at Junctions	€20,000
R198	R198 & L1514 Farnham Road & Golf Links Road, Cavan	€70,000
R212	R212 North of Ballyhaise at Brockly, Co. Cavan	€65,000
L3504	L3504 Mountain Lodge Crossroad at Tievenanass, Mountain Lodge, Co. Cavan	€45,000
R194	R194 West of Ballyjamesduff at Turin, Co. Cavan	€47,500
R178	R 178 Southwest of Bailieborough at Carrickgorman, Co. Cavan.	€45,000
R194	R194 North of Finnea at Carrick, Co. Cavan.	€45,000
R191	R191 South of Bailieborough at Relagh Beg, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	€40,000
R165	R165 West of Bailieborough, Co. Cavan.	€35,000
R165	R165 Main Street, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan.	€27,500
		€440,000

Regional & Local Road Bridge Projects:

Cavan County Council have been notified of an allocation of €620,000 in Grant Allocations for Regional & Local Road Bridges for 2026 with a further €50,000 incentivised funding for completing of Bridge Inspections. There are 12 number DOT bridge rehabilitation schemes proposed for funding. The proposed bridge rehabilitation schemes are as follows: -

1. Monaghanoose bridge L3544
2. Millstream bridge L7108
3. Old bridge L1006
4. Lavey bridge L6046
5. Drumroragh bridge L7012
6. Bellaboy bridge L1037
7. Treehoo Cross bridge R212
8. Crosskeys bridge L3026
9. Garvalt Upper bridge R200
10. Termon double clapper bridge L7023
11. Carrick bridge R194
12. Deramfield bridge L1508

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 1 which consists of Monaghanoose bridge & Millstream bridge went out to tender in February and was awarded to McCabe Group. These bridges were both box culvert replacements which required Section 50 consent from the OPW which was granted. Construction works for both bridges are now substantially complete.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 2 which consisted of Old bridge, Lavey bridge, Drumroragh bridge and Treehoo Cross bridge went out to tender in late February and was awarded to Truir Construction in March. Bridge rehabilitation works on all 4 bridges are now substantially complete.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 3 which consisted of Bellaboy bridge, Crosskey bridge, Garvalt Upper bridge and Termon Double Clapper bridge went out to tender in April with the contract awarded to McCabe Group. Rehabilitation works on Crosskeys bridge, Garvalt Upper bridge and Termon Double Clapper bridge are substantially complete whilst rehabilitation works on Bellaboy bridge have commenced.

Carrick Bridge Rehabilitation contract went out to tender on 8th May and came back in on 22nd May and was awarded to McCabe Group. Rehabilitation works are due to commence in September 2026.

Deramfield Bridge Rehabilitation contract went out to tender on 19th June and came back in on 03rd July and was awarded to McCabe Group. Rehabilitation works have commenced with completion due in September.

Local Improvement Schemes

The council was notified in February of an allocation of €527,400 from the DRCD for Local Improvement Schemes in 2026. The funding will allow for the completion of 9 schemes in 2026.

2.5 Active Travel

Cavan County Council received €3,500,000 from the NTA for Active Travel projects in 2026. There are 18 project schemes in total. Several of the schemes continued from previous years into 2026.

Cootehill - Station Rd, Active Travel Scheme

The project is being delivered in four sections.

The Active Travel Scheme for Station Road, Cootehill is being delivered across four distinct phases.

Phase 1 is now substantially complete, with only the construction of the filter island at the Dairybrae junction remaining. This phase delivers the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) scheme for St. Michael's National School, including a 2.5 m wide cycle lane, a 2.0 m wide footpath, and localised footpath infill works. Enhanced pedestrian crossing facilities have also been provided in the vicinity of the school. Works are substantially complete, with final elements scheduled for completion at the end of September 2026.

Phase 2 extends the Active Travel infrastructure from Cootehill Livestock Mart to the Coragh View housing estate. Works are substantially complete, with final elements scheduled for completion at the end of September 2026.

Phase 3 This phase includes the realignment of the R191/R192 junction and the delivery of a Safe Routes to School Scheme at St. Aidan's Secondary School. The scheme has been designed by Tobin Consulting Engineers, who are advancing the project through the various project phases. Tobin Consulting Engineers are currently preparing the required Gateway Reports to facilitate the progression of the project to Phase 4.

Phase 4 extends from St. Michael's Church to the Courthouse. Cavan County Council engaged with the NTA Project Manager and agreement was reached on the provision of a shared path along this section. The scheme drawings were approved by the NTA allowing the project to proceed to the Section 38 process and tender stage. The scheme was presented to the Bailieborough–Cootehill Municipal District members and to the Cootehill Business Chamber prior to Section 38 planning being advertised, with no submissions being received. Engagement has also taken place with An Post regarding a minor land acquisition of approximately 23 m² to address a pinch point; agreement in principle has been reached. The scheme has been tendered and the appointment of the successful contractor is expected shortly. Following a recent meeting with the NTA, a minor amendment to the scheme drawings is being incorporated to enhance the entrance arrangement at Chapel Lane before the Letter of Appointment is issued.

Bus Station to Cavan Hospital Active Travel Scheme

Tobin Consulting Engineers is progressing the scheme through Phases 2, 3 and 4 and is preparing the necessary tender and Section 38 documentation. To facilitate delivery within current funding and programme constraints, Cavan County Council is proposing to deliver the project in a number of sections between 2026 and 2027. Discussions are ongoing with the National Transport Authority (NTA) regarding the number, extent and sequencing of the individual sections to be delivered. Subject to agreement with the NTA, the scheme will progress through the statutory approval process and into construction on a phased basis.

Loreto school to Cavan Town Active Travel Scheme

Sections 1 and 2 of the project have been successfully completed, delivering a continuous and safe active travel corridor between John Sullivan Nursing Home and the junction at St. Felim's Hospital. These sections included the construction of new footpaths, dedicated cycle lanes, and enhanced pedestrian infrastructure, resulting in significantly improved connectivity and safety for all users.

Section 3, extending from St. Felim's Hospital to Cullies Roundabout, incorporated upgrades to pedestrian and cycling facilities, junction improvements, and a range of road safety measures. This section was substantially completed in December 2025.

Section 4 is currently at preliminary design stage, with works being progressed in-house by Cavan County Council's engineering team. This section includes proposals for widened footpaths, new pedestrian crossings, and raised, segregated cycle lanes.

A workshop was held with the National Transport Authority (NTA) on 26th March, during which a number of amendments to the roundabout layout and overall masterplan were identified. A further workshop took place on 30th April to finalise the preliminary design. At this meeting, the NTA indicated a preference for the scheme to proceed to detailed design by external consultants, to allow for full

appraisal of the optimal design solution, notwithstanding the work already undertaken by Cavan County Council.

Cavan Urban Greenway

OCSC has undertaken a review of a number of alignment options for the Greenway in the vicinity of the Co-Operative (Co-Op) Mart. The review has focused on identifying a solution that is efficient in terms of material usage, practical to construct, structurally robust and cost-effective. To support this assessment, OCSC has prepared a technical note outlining the constraints identified, the options considered and the rationale for the preferred solution, informed by the recently completed topographical survey information for the area adjacent to the Co-Op Mart.

OCSC has now finalised the preferred design solution, taking account of the challenging site geometry and the operational requirements of the Mart. A key consideration throughout the design process has been maintaining and protecting access to the workshop building while ensuring the Greenway alignment provides a safe, practical and sustainable long-term solution.

The proposed design drawings have been submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for review and comment. In parallel, arrangements are being made for a meeting with the Co-Op Mart Committee to present the preferred option and seek agreement on the proposed alignment.

Market St Junction Bailieborough Town

Cavan County Council have appointed PMCE to review the existing road & street environment and facilities for non-motorised road users within Bailieborough Town Centre, in particular at the Market Square junction, to identify options to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians, and if possible, for cyclists, and to recommend measures which would improve safety and accessibility for non-motorised users.

The scope of the assessment is also to consider the implications of any measures on the movement of traffic through Bailieborough, and consequently the assessment includes: -

- i) identification and assessment of current, and future, trip distribution characteristics including local, external and through trips.
- ii) an assessment of the existing local road network conditions.
- iii) an assessment of the existing provisions for vulnerable road users.
- iv) an assessment of the location of public transport facilities; and
- v) liaison with various stakeholders.

Cavan County Council has submitted a revised Options Report to the NTA for review and is awaiting feedback.

SRTS Round 3 - Killygarry NS. HSRR

The delivery plan for the Killygarry National School Safe Routes to School Scheme was agreed between Cavan County Council and the National Transport Authority (NTA), enabling the project to progress to construction.

Works commenced on site during the summer school holidays and have progressed well. The scheme is now approximately 90% complete, with substantial completion expected shortly. The project will deliver enhanced pedestrian infrastructure and improved safety measures for pupils, parents and school staff, providing safer and more accessible routes to the school.

SRTS Round 3 - Mullahoran NS. HSRR

Tenders have now been received and assessed, and the appointment of the successful contractor is expected shortly. Subject to contract award, it is intended that construction works will commence in quarter 3.

SRTS Round 1 - St Aidan's Secondary School, Cootehill

Tobin Consulting Engineers are currently developing a suite of layout options and are nearing completion of this stage. The project is expected to progress shortly to Phase 3 (Preliminary Design).

The overall design approach has been agreed with the school, and agreement has also been reached on the proposed forecourt arrangement and pedestrian crossing layout, including the interface with the adjoining Applegreen service station.

Subject to completion of the Phase 3 design and associated stakeholder engagement, Tobin Consulting Engineers will prepare the required Gateway Reports to facilitate progression of the project to Phase 4 (Statutory Processes and Detailed Design).

SRTS Round 3 - Saint Patrick's National School, Shercock

The delivery plan for the Saint Patrick's National School, Shercock School Safe Routes to School Scheme was agreed between Cavan County Council and the National Transport Authority (NTA), enabling the project to progress to construction.

Works commenced on site during the summer school holidays and have progressed well. The scheme is now approximately 70% complete, with substantial completion expected shortly. The project will deliver enhanced pedestrian infrastructure and improved safety measures for pupils, parents and school staff, providing safer and more accessible routes to the school.

Cavan Town Centre Active Travel connections

Cavan County Council has appointed Tobin's through the NTA's Consultants Framework to deliver the Cavan Town Centre Active Travel Connection. This project will be integrated with two other major Active Travel initiatives—the Bus Station to Cavan Hospital route and the Loreto Road to Cavan Town section—aiming to improve connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists across the town. Tobin's have met on site with Cavan Council and have commenced preliminary design work on the scheme.

Cavan Local Transport Plan

Cavan County Council, in partnership with DBFL Consulting Engineers, is advancing the Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) for Cavan Town—a key commitment in both the Cavan County Development Plan and the Cavan Town Local Area Plan. This initiative aims to support the town's evolution into a more compact, self-sustaining urban centre, aligned with national, regional, and local planning policies.

The ABTA will inform the Cavan Local Transport Plan (LTP), which is expected to demonstrate how high-quality planning, urban design, and implementation can rejuvenate the town centre. A central

ambition of the plan is to position Cavan as a 'Low Carbon Town Centre' by reducing car dependency, enhancing the public realm, and promoting a diverse mix of uses within the town core.

DBFL has developed a base transport model using current traffic flow data and surveys. This model will be used to forecast future traffic growth, assess the impact of land use scenarios, and evaluate potential road network interventions.

The draft LTP has been submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and relevant environmental agencies for review and feedback.

Following review of the draft document, Cavan County Council requested that a number of additional road link options be assessed and incorporated into the transport modelling and final report. DBFL is currently finalising this assessment and undertaking a comprehensive review of the draft document to ensure all comments and recommendations are addressed.

It is anticipated that the final draft of the Cavan Local Transport Plan will be completed in the coming weeks, with public consultation expected to commence in late September/early October 2026. Once adopted, the LTP will provide a strategic framework to guide future transport investment and sustainable mobility measures throughout Cavan Town.

Virginia - Rampart River footbridge Active Travel Measures

The primary purpose of the proposed bridge is to provide meaningful connectivity across the River Rampart, which currently forms a significant barrier between established and emerging residential areas and the town centre. Recent discussions with the NTA have highlighted the strategic function of the bridge and the importance of assessing future permeability links as part of the project.

The assessment and design of these additional permeability links were not included within the original scope of services commissioned with AECOM. Following engagement between Cavan County Council and AECOM, a detailed scope of services was prepared by the Council to facilitate the extension of the preliminary design, and AECOM has subsequently submitted a fee proposal for the additional work.

Following further discussions, the NTA has requested that Cavan County Council undertake additional on-site investigations to assess ground conditions, site levels, the feasibility and buildability of the proposed connections, and to identify any additional links that may be required to maximise the benefits of the scheme. The outcome of this assessment will inform the next stage of design development and engagement with the NTA.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

The National Transport Authority's (NTA) objective is to promote and expand public transport across Ireland by improving accessibility and ease of use for passengers. This includes the provision of standardised bus stop identification through the installation of new TFI (Transport for Ireland) bus stop poles, the clear demarcation of stopping locations for buses, and the upgrade of existing infrastructure where required, all in accordance with relevant standards and guidelines.

Cavan County Council's Active Travel Team is working in partnership with the NTA to deliver improvements to a number of bus stops throughout the county in 2026. A number of schemes are currently being advanced through the design and Road Safety Audit (RSA) process. Locations with the

greatest potential for delivery in the current year include Shercock, Crosskeys, Kingscourt and Ballyhaise, while additional schemes at Lavey, Drung, Lower Swellan and Killydoon are progressing through the planning and audit stages.

Key proposals include:

- New bus shelters and a bus lay-by in Shercock.
- Upgraded online bus stops, shelters and footpaths in Crosskeys, where landowner agreement has been secured.
- New shelters and bus lay-bys near Gartland's Pub in Kingscourt, coordinated with other regeneration and greenway projects.
- Two new bus shelters near Annalee Manor, Ballyhaise.
- New pedestrian crossing facilities, footpaths and bus shelters in Drung.
- Two new shelters and upgraded footpaths at Lower Swellan following engagement with local landowners.
- New shelters, footpath improvements and upgraded pedestrian crossing facilities at Lavey Inn.
- Bus stop enhancement proposals at Killydoon, which are currently progressing through the design and RSA process.

The programme will continue to be developed in partnership with the NTA and local stakeholders, with the aim of improving access to public transport and encouraging sustainable travel throughout County Cavan.

Kingscourt Town Permeability Link to Navan-Kingscourt Greenway

Cavan County Council, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority (NTA), is progressing Phase 3 – Preliminary Design – of the Kingscourt Town Permeability Link to the Navan and Kingscourt Greenway, in line with the NTA project lifecycle. The primary objective of the scheme is to establish a safe and accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists between Kingscourt Town and the Greenway, supporting climate action goals by encouraging active travel among residents and visitors.

PMCE is continuing to progress this phase, with consultants actively developing the preliminary design. A small section of the route required additional topographical survey, which has now been successfully completed in-house to support the design process. Geological investigations have also been completed.

Cavan County Council has engaged with a number of landowners to date and will meet with the remaining stakeholders in the coming weeks to further advance the scheme. Preparation of landowner folio drawings is ongoing, and environmental screening of the preferred route is currently being undertaken. Part 8 Planning drawings are also being prepared.

R4 SRTS Scoil Mhuire NS Swanlinbar

An Taisce's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Officer has completed a site visit to Scoil Mhuire National School, Swanlinbar, and subsequently provided recommendations for the proposed infrastructure improvements.

These recommendations have been incorporated into a draft delivery plan, and Cavan County Council is currently progressing the preparation of the associated design drawings.

An on-site meeting involving An Taisce, the School Board of Management and Cavan County Council is scheduled to take place shortly to review the proposed measures, discuss delivery arrangements and agree the next steps for advancing the scheme.

R4 SRTS St Aidans NS Bawnboy

CNCC met with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Officer, Municipal District Engineer, and the school Principal to present the proposed delivery plan and scope of works. The detailed design currently being finalised for submission to the NTA for approval. CNCC had to source a small element of the scheme for the retaining wall element. CNCC to submit all gateway documents to NTA for approval and tender this scheme on www.supplygov.ie subject to approval, it is intended that the scheme will progress to construction and delivery in September 2026.

2.6 Greenways

Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway

Leitrim County Council are the lead authority for the development of the 56Km Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway project from Sligo to Enniskillen in Co. Fermanagh. ARUP consulting engineers were appointed to the project by Leitrim County Council in September 2022.

The project received Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) approval for all Phase 2 deliverables during the summer of 2025 and is currently in Phase 3 - Design and Environmental Evaluation. The preferred route corridor was published on the 8th of October 2025 and is available to view on the project's website at www.sln-cr-greenway.com

Cavan North West Greenway

The proposed Cavan North West Greenway will provide a strategic link between Cavan Town, the proposed Ulster Canal Greenway in Monaghan/Fermanagh, and the proposed Cavan–Leitrim Greenway at Aghawillin in County Leitrim.

In March 2025, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) formally approved the Phase 0 deliverables and granted approval for the project to advance to Phase 1 of the TII Project Management Guidelines (PMG). TII also authorised Cavan County Council at that time to commence the procurement process for appointing technical consultants to deliver Phases 1 to 4 of the PMG's.

On completion of the tender process in late 2025, Cavan County Council sought approval from TII to award the tender. In January 2026, TII notified the council that the project's allocation for 2026 was €250,000. While this allocation is welcome, it is was not sufficient to commence the project through the full scope of Phases 1 to 4 as previously tendered. Consequently, TII did not approve the Council's request to award the tender.

Following discussions with the TII in March, it was agreed that Cavan County Council would commence a new procurement process for the appointment of technical consultants for Phases 1 to 2 only of the PMG's. Consequently, revised tender documents were published on eTenders on Monday, 20th April 2026 with a closing date of Friday, 5th June 2026.

The tender assessment process is currently underway. Subject to the completion of the evaluation process and the necessary approvals, it is anticipated that the successful tenderer will be appointed in Q4 2026.

2.7 Cavan Town Flood Relief Scheme:

Stage I – the Identification and Development of a Preferred Scheme is currently being progressed.

Ground Investigation works commenced on site in May and the site-based activities of the original scope of works have now been completed. The laboratory testing schedule has been agreed with the GI report expected in early Q4. The scheme consultants Ayesa is also developing scope documents for additional GI works. This has been informed by the options development tasks that have been completed to date and information gathered now will be required later during stage 3, detailed design. Ayesa circulated information on the proposed additional works to CCC in early July & currently are engaging with IGSL on the proposed additional works.

The Hydrology Report for the scheme has now been finalised, and this element is complete with the Baseline Hydraulics report resubmission received in June. This is now under review by the steering group.

Options Development is progressing with an additional workshop held on the 04/06/26, attended by CCC, Ayesa and OPW to discuss Ayesa's progression of flood measures modelling following on from an initial workshop held on 15/05/26. Ayesa presented measures (i.e. raised defences, culvert upgrades and upstream storage) which have been modelled and confirmed to provide the required standard of protection at the various flood risk areas within the scheme area. These Options will progress to MCA and cost estimate stage.

Scopes of works for the 'top up' environmental surveys for Bats, Otters, Breeding Birds and Aquatic Ecology have been developed for procurement.

The schemes newsletters are available to view at the scheme website <https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/cavan-town/home/>

2.8 Kingscourt Town Centre Regeneration Scheme

Stage iii (tender action, evaluation and award) of the Kingscourt Regeneration scheme is currently being progressed.

The project team for the remaining stages of the scheme have been appointed to their role by Cavan County Council in Q4 2025.

Tobin Consulting Engineers are the team lead and PSDP for the remaining project stages. A project execution plan and detailed reviews of all design documentation to ensure compliance with current standards has been undertaken.

Stage 1 of the pre-qualification process for building contractors was run through etenders/OJEU. 13 submissions were received and these have been assessed for suitability by the scheme's consultancy team. Following assessment, the top 5 construction contractors have been identified and will be informed of having been shortlisted for Stage 2 of the tender process.

Stage 1 of the pre-qualification process for the Civils Works contract are at draft stage and this competition will be run through etenders/OJEU in Q3 2026.

2.9 Bailieborough Town Centre Regeneration Scheme

Cavan County Council has been granted €792,000 to develop a regeneration project by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund as part of Project Ireland 2040.

The department has now completed its due diligence process in relation to the project's cost and scope and an offer of Approval in Principle has been received by Cavan County Council in April 2026.

Tender documents were developed to procure an Integrated Design Team to commence work in delivering the Bailieborough town centre Regeneration Scheme. This tender was published on etenders on 19th June and the original deadline for receipt of tenders was 22nd July however this was extended on etenders following requests from tenderers due to staff availability / summer holidays. The new deadline was Friday Aug 8th with 6 submissions being received.

The consultancy services being procured are necessary to develop the project from its current concept stage through project inception & feasibility stages, public consultation, planning and detailed design to a contract ready capital project.

2.10 Special Speed Limit Review

A review of the existing Special Speed Limits within the county's urban areas is currently underway. Pre-draft consultation has taken place with An Garda Síochána and relevant technical staff across the Municipal Districts. An update was presented to the Transportation SPC at the end of April. We completed the workshops on the urban areas with the Councillors at Municipal District level in Mid-May.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Garda Commissioner were formally notified in early June of the review and issued with the proposed schedule of draft byelaws.

Subject to satisfactory progression through the statutory and consultative stages, it is intended to undertake public consultation and submit a revised set of Special Speed Limit Byelaws for adoption in Q4 2026.

3.0 MD Updates

Cavan Belturbet MD

Current Works:

- Community Involvement Scheme, Cordressogagh and Tullynamoyle, Dowra
- Local Improvement Scheme, Drumhecknagh
- Surface Dressing
- Drainage Maintenance works
- Geopark Maintenance Works
- Horticultural Works Cavan Town and Environs
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items

- Street cleaning and emptying bins

RI Roadworks Programme 2026

Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and Location	Source	Description of Works	Status
R	R-207-0	Dowra to Blacklion Road	RI	Road Reconstruction	Ongoing
R	R-212-1	Ballyhaise Road, Cavan	RI	Road Reconstruction	Ongoing
LT	L-15083-0	Derryna Lane (Tirliffin)	RI	Road Reconstruction	Ongoing
LT	L-10493-0	Derrycassan	RI	Road Reconstruction	Ongoing
LP	L-1069-0	Whitefield Cross to Ardlougher (Phase 2)	RI	Road Reconstruction	Ongoing
LP	L-1025-0	Eagle Hill, Road, Corlough	RI	Road Reconstruction	Ongoing
LS	L-5591-0	Castle Hill, Belturbet	OR RI	Road Reconstruction	Not commenced
LT	L-20122-0 & L-20122-1	Old Cathedral Road, Cavan	OR RI	Road Reconstruction	Not commenced

Bailieborough - Cootehill MD

Current Works:

- Road Works Programme (RI, LIS & CIS)
- Drainage Maintenance works
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins

RI Roadworks Programme 2026

Baillieborough - Cootehill Municipal District Road Works Programme 2026				
Road Number	Location	Description	Estimated Cost Of Work (Euro)	Status
R165	Cavan - Baillieborough	From Drumanespick to Tullywaltry	€840,471	Completed
L2028	Demakesh rd.	Section from Demakesh cross at Wedlocks towards Latully road jct	€374,807	Completed
L6116	Corraneary rd.	Section from Corraneary cross towards Knocknalosset	€482,228	Completed
L2005	Bracklagh Rd (John Tullys Road)	From Treehoo Cross to Drumherriff at Fays	€638,184	Completed
L3552/3548	Galbolie Cross to Dromore Rd	Phase 1 Galbolie to Kilinkere (Galbolie cross to Dromo	€522,902	Completed
L75781	Relagh beg	From R191 Kells Road to Gargans Cross at L7577	€155,163	Completed
L3534/L3532	Drumbar - Corraneary	Phase 1 - Mile line Road (Border towards Muff cross)	€571,800	In progress
L7500	Ardardagh	From R165 Cavan - Baillieborough rd to Cliffern rd	€472,693	In progress
2026 (OR funded) Roads Works programme				
R190/R188	Bridge Street /Cavan Road Cootehill	From Main St to Connollys corner to Drumore Estate	€176,000	Not Commenced
			€4,234,248	

Ballyjamesduff MD

Current Works:

- Surface Dressing
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins

RI Roadworks Programme 2026

Road no	Class	Description	Status
R194-8	R	Bracklagh to Moydristan	Linemarking
L2504	LP	Lacken Lower to Drumcarey Cross	Linemarking
L2518	LP	Drumbee to Drumcassidy	Enabling works
L3003	LP	Lecharry to Carrickatober	Surfacing
L3009	LP	Cross to Gates of Mullagh	Enabling works
L3011	LP	Killyfinla to Fintawan	Complete
L7102	LS	Cloghergoole Cross to Maghera	Surfacing

3. Environment and Waste Management

3.1 Dog Warden Service

- Number of dog complaints received 11
- Number of Dog Licences issued 917 (906 Annual & 11 Lifetime Licences).

3.2 Litter Management/Enforcement

- 7 No. complaints (Litter only) recorded
- 6 No. Litter Fines issued during the period

3.3 Parking Control, Environmental Awareness & Education and Litter Prevention

- Promotion via Cavan social media:
 - Take a Minute Before You Bin It campaign.
- 1st round Litter Surveys completed in July.
- Gum Litter Task Force campaign took place in Cootehill on 7th July 2026.
- ADI funded 50% Off Bulky Waste campaign ran from 27th June to 11th July.
- Participation in the Cavan Summer Markets (Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July).
- Participation in the Arva Show (Sunday 26th July).
- Tender published on EU Tenders regarding a Parking App for County Cavan.
- Promotion via Cavan social media:
 - 'Don't Waste a Day' Vape Recycling campaign.
 - Irish Farm Plastic collections.
- 2nd round of Half Price Bulky Waste 22nd - 29th August.
- Community Warden participation Heritage Week - Annagelliff Tidy Towns Graveyard Walk (20th Aug)

3.4 Waste Enforcement July & August 2026

July and August 2026 Cavan CoCo Monthly CE Figures for Waste Management

Inspection Type	Number Completed
No. of Waste Facility Permit inspections 6.1.1	7
No. of LA COR 6.1.4	120
No. of WCP holders inspections including audits 6.1.12	6
No. of Section 14 Directions under the WMA 1996	2
No. of Inspection in relation to Mercury Regulation (S.I. No. 533/2018 6.1.15	1
No. of Illegal Dumping/ Fly tipping Ex C&D Tyres ELVs 6.2.1	5
No. of Unauth ELVs sites 6.2.3	2

Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions	1
Inspections (env) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	17
No. of Unauth C&D (sites no permit) 6.2.2	9
No of Battery inspections	3
No of WEEE inspections	3
Total No inspection for Waste Management	176

3.5 Total Number of people using Civic Amenity Sites

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 3694

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 1631

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 953

Figures for August are not available yet and will be included in September CE report.

3.6 Total Number of Materials Recycled at Civic Amenity Sites tonnes (181.2)

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 109.13

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 42.38

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 29.69

Figures for August are not available yet and will be included in September CE report

3.7 Total amount of materials recycled at 30 bring Centres– 208.57Tonnes (including Repak & CTR)

Figures for August not available yet and will be included in September CE report.

3.8 Planning Application

- 66 planning reports including FI assessment reports provided by the Environment element of the Section to Planning Section in relation to new planning applications, further information, clarification, pre planning and compliances.

3.9 Domestic Wastewater Assessments Carried out in accordance with the National Inspection Plan (NIP)

- 4 queries relating to grant applications for septic tanks.
- DWWA Citizen Engagement action - article published in print and on social media.
- DWWA info on website checked
- 2026 DWWA's NIP commenced
- 1 site inspection relating to grant applications for septic tanks
- 29 site inspections relation to 2026 NIP.
- Letters issued to homeowners in relation to 2026 NIP inspection. Phone calls received and made to homeowners in relation to NIP inspection
- Dates decided for NIP inspections
- 1 proposal approval under High Objective National Inspection Plan for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems.
- 1 initial inspection under High Objective National Inspection Plan for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems.
- 2 extensions given to homeowners relating to works required to comply with Advisory Notices.

3.10 Discharge Licences – Section 4

- 43 letters issued regarding discharge licence compliance status
- 25 samples taken
- 1 facility inspected (referred from environmental complaints)
- Review of discharge licence activity tracker.
- Review of 2026 discharge licenced schedule
- Review of discharge licence monitoring programme for 2026.

3.11 Water, Air and Noise Complaints

- 16 Water pollution complaints closed
- 10 Inspections of premises following pollution complaints received
- 8 Agricultural pollution complaint received
- 5 Agricultural pollution investigated
- 5 Agricultural pollution closed
- 9 noise pollution complaint received, investigated (guidance issued), closed
- 2 noise warning email/letter sent
- 3 Agricultural warning letters sent
- 1 Agricultural enforcement letter issued.
- 3 Section 12 notices issued
- 3 cross compliance reports issued to DAFM
- 1 approval letter regarding section 12 submission
- Consult with EPA on water compliant

3.12 Farm Inspections

- 8 farm inspection undertaken
- 25 compliant NAIP letter issued.
- 10 non-compliance NAIP letters issued.
- Notification Letters of NAIP inspections for Blackwater (Kells)_060.
- NAIP Workshop on Cross Reporting with DAFM
- NAIP Webinar on Slurry Movements
- NAIP Q2 return completed as per deadline
- NAIP summary report for 2025 issued
- Staff attended event - Farming Actions to Improve Water Quality in the Blackwater (Kells) Upper

3.13 Water Monitoring

- 122 River and Lake samples taken
- 60 THM drinking water group water scheme samples

- 10 Group water scheme check samples taken
- 8 Group water scheme Audit samples taken
- 1 Small private supply micro sample taken
- 3 GWS investigative Micro samples taken
- 1 GWS Boil water notices issued
- 11 communications with HSE regarding non-compliant results
- 11 communications with Group Water Schemes regarding non-compliant results
- 4 Well Grant Inspections undertaken

3.14 Air

- Monthly Air Quality Bulletin circulated on Cavan County Council's social media platforms.
- Guidance provided to solvent installation on renewal.
- 1 Petrol Vapour Emissions cert issued
- 1 VOC Cert application processed and Cert issued
- Solid Fuel enforcement programme scheduled for winter heating season
- 1 Air Licence inspection carried out

3.15 Climate Action

- Attend Decarbonation Zone Scheme Meetings
- Attend District Heating Feasibility Meetings
- Administer works on fleet decarbonisation with consultant, provision of baseline data and attendance of weekly meetings.
- Interpret and present data from solar provider for 5 main energy use buildings
- Progression of DZ Zone Implementation Group, inaugural meeting held 1 July 2026 and Terms of Reference agreed.
- Planning and Development of inaugural Cavan Climate Festival, EcoFéile 23-25 October.
- Meeting with Section Heads and Officer to gain insight to past and future work programmes to provide assistance where possible and ensure updates are noted on MS Planner.
- Investigating and disseminating information on possible external funding sources for projects such as LIFE and Nature Based Solutions.
- Funded Project Development - Climate Action Team to partner and Letter of Support provided to SYNERGIA project lead by UCD which is successful, will deliver one of Ireland's first decision-support platforms to inform climate investment planning at the Local Authority scale.
- Progression of EU led, Pathways 2 Resilience Project, developing innovative evidence based projects to improve Climate Resilience
- Completion of EUCF Feasibility Study focusing on Fleet decarbonisation and EV Charging points throughout the Country. Progression on-going towards phased implementation.

- Completion of District Heating Feasibility Study and scoping of options for future progression
- Partnership with Mayo Sligo Leitrim Education Training Board to provide a 'NZEB Fundamentals Awareness Course' free of charge, at Energy Build Centre of Excellence, Sligo to Cavan County Council Staff. 23 Staff member across the organisation enrolled.
- Application submitted and Council has been shortlisted in "Best Energy Achievement in the Public Sector" category at the 2026 Business Energy Achievement Awards to be held in September 2026.
- Projects under Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme have commenced delivery and site visits are ongoing. CCC has received funding of €489,000 to deliver 15 community climate action projects. Project have until October 2027 for completion.
- Attended meeting with Biodiversity Officer to assist and guide projects with biodiversity elements being delivered under CCAP phase 2.
- Projects under Phase 1 of CCAP are complete and final drawdown and project reporting are being prepared for submission to DCEE.
- Continued engagement with Cavan GAA Clubs under Green Clubs Programme.

3.16 Energy Management

- Review of monthly bills, compare & disseminate info.
- Update of Climate Action Tracker
- Gap to target completed with input of energy projects and latest M&R data.
- Maintain procedure for monthly monitoring of energy usage.
- Maintain procedure for frequent meter reads.
- Weekly input from the OGP on the weekly electricity unit prices as per current national contract.
- Liaising with Energia in relation to CCC's account and the various sites operating within same, includes disconnections, reassigning budget allocations and new additions to the account.
- Ongoing staff energy awareness raising in relation to energy efficiency.
- Progressing with Design Team appointed as per SEAI Pathfinder project for Building Energy Retrofit Plan focus on Leisure Centre & Pool.
- Meeting between regional energy managers on project pipelines and project status currently

4. Planning

July 2026	TOTAL	Cavan / Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill	
Applications lodged					
(i) Valid	74	21	35	18	
(ii) Invalid	14	4	4	6	
Permission Determined					
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	41	21	12	8	
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	32	10	10	12	
(iii) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions outside 8 weeks (eg Transboundary Decision)	0	0	0	0	
Average length of time to determine an application where FI was sought	80				
No. of grants	71	30	22	19	
% of grants	97%				
No. of refusals	2	1	0	1	
% of refusals	3%				
No. of extensions of duration lodged	4	2	2	0	
No. of extensions of duration granted	1	0	0	1	
No. of extensions of duration refused	0	0	0	0	
No. of extensions of duration gone to FI	0	0	0	0	
No. Residential Zoned Land Tax	0	0	0	0	
YEAR TO DATE 2026					
	TOTAL	Cavan/Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill	Outside Jurisdiction
Applications lodged					
(i) Valid	455	168	162	124	1
(ii) Invalid	104	48	34	22	
Permission Determined					
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	169	72	51	46	
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	168	49	62	57	
(iii) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions outside 8 weeks (eg Transboundary Decision)	0	0	0	0	
Average length of time to determine an application where FI was sought	78				
No. of grants	319	111	109	99	
% of grants	95%				
No. of refusals	18	10	4	4	
% of refusals	7%				
No. of extensions of duration lodged	10	2	4	4	
No. of extensions of duration granted	5	1	1	3	
No. of extensions of duration refused	0	0	0	0	
No. of extensions of duration gone to FI	0	0	0	0	
No. Residential Zoned Land Tax	0	0	0	0	

Advisory Note:

- Figures are for the period 27/06/2026 to 31/07/2026

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August 2026	TOTAL	Cavan / Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill	Outside Jurisdiction
Applications lodged					
(i) Valid	67	15	19	32	1
(ii) Invalid	14	2	5	7	
Permission Determined	40	16	15	9	
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	18	7	7	4	
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	22	9	8	5	
(iii) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions outside 8 weeks (eg Transboundary Decision)	0	0	0	0	
Average length of time to determine an application where FI was sought	83				
No. of grants	37	15	14	8	
% of grants	93%				
No. of refusals	3	1	1	1	
% of refusals	7%				
No. of extensions of duration lodged	0	0	0	0	
No. of extensions of duration granted	0	0	0	0	
No. of extensions of duration refused	0	0	0	0	
No. of extensions of duration gone to FI	0	0	0	0	
No. Residential Zoned Land Tax	0	0	0	0	
YEAR TO DATE 2026					
TOTAL	Cavan/Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill	Outside Jurisdiction	
Applications lodged					
(i) Valid	522	183	181	156	2
(ii) Invalid	118	50	39	29	
Permission Determined	377	137	128	112	
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	187	79	58	50	
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	190	58	70	62	
(iii) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions outside 8 weeks (eg Transboundary Decision)	0	0	0	0	
Average length of time to determine an application where FI was sought	83				
No. of grants	356	126	123	107	
% of grants	93%				
No. of refusals	21	11	5	5	
% of refusals	7%				
No. of extensions of duration lodged	10	2	4	4	
No. of extensions of duration granted	5	1	1	3	
No. of extensions of duration refused	0	0	0	0	
No. of extensions of duration gone to FI	0	0	0	0	
No. Residential Zoned Land Tax	0	0	0	0	

Advisory Note:

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5. Community & Enterprise

Rural Development & Tourism

Large Capital Projects:

Cavan Regional Sports Campus:

Funding:

- **LSSIF:** €19m
- **PeacePLUS:** €15.06m
 - Construction Tender due for return on the 28/08/2026
 - Assessment to take place on the 01/09/2026
 - SEUPB Project Board meetings ongoing, meetings:
 - 30/06/2026
 - No meeting in July & August during the tendering period (No updates)
 - Meeting in September planned

Advanced works underway:

- vegetation/ site clearance has been completed,
- planting works, mammal displacement accommodation works are complete,
- geophysics complete/ archaeology complete
- ESB & EIR Diversion works ongoing
- Ecological mitigation complete

Ballyjamesduff Community and Enterprise Hub RRDF:

RRDF funding awarded for this project, a sum of €7,651,195.20. Cavan County Council have appointed the services of an Architect led Design Team (Cooney Architecture) for the proposed Construction Works Stages.

- Construction contract has been awarded to Sandar Construction. Works started on site on the 24th of November 2025.
- The asbestos removal is now complete, and demolition works are complete.
- Reduced dig and removal of surplus material is now complete.
- Underpinning and foundation works are also complete.
- Internal drainage and ducting installation along with stone filling to the subfloor are well advanced.
- Radon protection and waterproofing works are currently underway in preparation for the ground floor slab.

St Michael's Hall Community Centre, Cootehill RRDF:

RRDF funding awarded for this project in the sum of €6,248,330.10, Cavan County Council have appointed the services of an Architect led Design Team (Craft Studio Architecture).

Pre-tender estimate aligns with the monies available- Gateway approval from DRCDG has been granted.

- Stage 1 Tender for the conservation, refurbishment and extension contractor has concluded and 6 contractors have been shortlisted.
- The Stage 2 Tender was published on the 24th of April 2026 and the deadline for receipt of tenders was the 10th of June 2026.
- The tender has been assessed, and a Letter of Intent was issued to the preferred contractor on 06th August 2026. The requested information has now been returned by the contractor and will be checked and validated ahead of contract signing.

Advanced Works

Advanced works are due to commence in the coming weeks on the foul sewer and watermain.

Con Smith Park:

€300k awarded from NWRA, under the Decarbonization Funding stream, to complete a masterplan for the additional lands purchased by Cavan County Council and construct a biodiversity garden.

PEACEPLUS Programme:

Programme Update – July/August 2026

- Current number of participants on PEACEPLUS projects is: 3,783

Update on capital projects. July/August 2026

Ballyconnell Community Centre

- Contracts awarded and construction ongoing.

Co Cavan Rugby Club

- CRFC have self-appointed David Cullivan as their design team.
- Tender assessment ongoing.

Men's and Hens Shed Bailieborough

- Detail design complete
- Construction tender issued

Cootehill Town Team BOI former building

- Contractor appointed for completion of works on first floor – 75% complete.
- Phase 3 construction contract ongoing.

Kingscourt Community Development Association

- Construction works have commenced.

Lavey Community Group

- Construction works have commenced.

Virginia Rugby Football Club

- Construction works have commenced.

Municipal District Discretionary Scheme 2026:

- This scheme is designed for larger scale, infrastructural and capital projects and the minimum grant aid payable will be €3,000.

- Letters of offer have been distributed to the successful applicants. Projects are ongoing with an anticipated deadline of 31st December 2026 for completion.

Community and Voluntary 2026 Grant Scheme:

- This is a scheme of small grants open to community groups to implement projects that will result in greater social and community activity in their area such as small-scale amenity projects, purchase of equipment for community halls/groups, materials, etc.
- Letters of offer have been distributed to the successful groups. Projects are ongoing with an anticipated deadline of 31st December 2026 for completion.

Festival and Events 2026 Grant Scheme:

- The Festival and Events Grant Scheme is to provide financial assistance to groups and organisations engaged in festivals or events at a local level.
- Letters of offer have been distributed to the successful groups. Projects are ongoing with an anticipated deadline of 31st December 2026 for completion.

Local Enhancement Programme 2026:

- Cavan County Council received approval on 2nd July 2026 in respect of Local Enhancement Programme 2026 in the amount of €164,165.44 Letter of offer have been distributed to the successful groups. Projects are ongoing with an anticipated deadline of 31st December 2026 for completion.

SIOL Programme 2026:

Cavan County Council received a funding allocation in July 2026 of €335,000 in respect of areas ED's of Cavan Urban, Cavan Rural, Moynehall, Clonervy and Ballyhaise. This funding targets small areas of disadvantage providing funding for infrastructure to improve the areas and lives of the communities.

Cavan County Council submitted applications to the DRCDG on 14th August 2026. These applications are now being assessed by the Department.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2026 (ORIS):

The scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development in partnership with Fáilte Ireland.

- Measure 1 of the scheme provides funding for to the upkeep, repair, maintenance and development of trails, walkways, mountain access routes, cycleways, recreational facilities at bogs, rivers, and lakes. Maximum grant available is €40,000.
- Measure 2 of the scheme is the development of new recreational infrastructure, extensions/upgrades to already existing trails, walkways, mountain access routes, cycleways, water or cycle trails or other recreational facilities at bogs, rivers and lakes. Maximum grant available is €200,000.
- The Project Development Measure can provide funding for the detailed development of projects which enable them to reach a standard for application under a future round of ORIS, which could encompass detailed design, preparation for planning and/ or procurement of ecological surveys. Maximum grant available is €50,000

- Cavan County Council are currently assessing the Expressions of Interest for Measure 1 and Project Development Measure for submission to the Department by 28th September 2026.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025:

- Kick-off meetings were held with each of the groups and projects have commenced. Both Mullagh and Killeshandra include painting works as part of their respective projects, and these works are currently in progress.

Main Scheme:

Location	Description	Allocation
Killeshandra	Revitalising Killeshandra with a town-wide paint scheme, new public spaces and amenities, modern wayfinding, and atmospheric lighting to create a vibrant hub where residents and visitors can connect and thrive.	€ 299,250
Kingscourt	The Kingscourt Active Recreation Hub will address the local shortage of outdoor community interactive spaces by providing a town centre multipurpose active play and sports facility for everyone in the community.	€ 300,000
Mullagh	The community of Mullagh is Integrating and Welcoming through a refreshed painting of the Main Street buildings, improved community outdoors spaces, more attractive pedestrian movement and welcoming entry points into the village.	€ 300,000

Project Development Measure:

Location	Description	Allocation
Killeshandra	Study to consider the redevelopment of 'Stewarts Shop' in Killeshandra's town centre into a mixed-use cultural and visitor hub.	€ 50,000

CLÁR 2024:

- Cavan County Council received approval for 15 Measure 1 Clar Schemes in 2024. Projects ongoing and all projects are due to be completed mid-2026.

CLÁR 2025:

- Cavan County Council received approval for 9 Measure 1 Clar Schemes in 2024. Projects ongoing and all projects are due to be completed mid-2027.

CLÁR 2026:

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD launched the 2026 CLÁR Scheme in March. Cavan County Council sought expressions of interest for Measure 1 - Developing Community Facilities and Amenities. The closing date for EOI's was the 25th May 2026. A large number of EOI's were received and the 14 priority projects were submitted to the Department on Friday the 3rd of July. These are currently being assessed by the Department.

Tourism:

Marketing

- Angling promotion at Pescere Angling Show in Rimini, Italy – collaboration with anglers from Longford, Roscommon and Cavan
- Drone footage captured of Killeshandra Camino event and video footage captured at Summer Food Market in Con Smith Park
- New professional trails photography across County Cavan captured.
- Support via Regional Festivals Fund from This is Cavan! for two successful fishing festivals in Belturbet in July and upcoming in September
- This is Cavan has seen strong year on-year growth across both Facebook and Instagram to date in 2026, with significant increases in views, engagement, website traffic
- Summer promotional competition running on This is Cavan! social media throughout June, highlighting tourism businesses

Product Development:

- Progress made on delivery of Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) for Upper Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

Trade:

- Four members of angling industry in Cavan interviewed as part of Failte Ireland research
Nine Cavan businesspeople and personalities interviewed and videos made for promotion

Community Development Section

LCDC

- An LCDC meeting took place on the 29th July 2026. Items on the agenda included presentations by Naomi Mitten, Biodiversity Officer, Cavan County Council and Christopher Liu from the National Parks and Wildlife Service on the Cavan Biodiversity Action Plan and Invasive Species, SIÓL Programme, 2026 Dormant Account Fund, PEACEPLUS and Cavan PPN updates.

SICAP

- The SICAP Mid-Year Review process is now complete, the SICAP Monitoring Committee met on 23rd July to consider same. A recommendation arising from the review was presented to the members of the LCDC at the July meeting and the review was approved.

LEADER

- A Local Action Group (LAG) Meeting was held on the 29th July 2026. A total of 151 Active Expressions of Interest have been received in respect of the LEADER Programme 2023-2027.
- The current LEADER Programme commitments is €2,613,329.89 which is 55% of the budget leaving a balance of €2,164,499.36.

- A Targeted call for expressions of interest for LEADER funding for **Smart Village Strategies 2026** was launched on the 31st August 2026. The timeline for receipt of expressions of interest is the 3rd September to 5th October 2026.

The Smart Village Strategies 2026 Call for Proposals aims to help rural communities identify local challenges, develop practical solutions, and create a shared vision for a stronger, more sustainable future. This initiative forms part of the European Union's Smart Villages policy framework and reflects the LEADER approach of empowering communities to drive development from the ground up.

A Smart Village is a rural community that uses its local strengths, resources, knowledge and partnerships to improve quality of life and address local challenges.

While technology can play a role, Smart Villages are fundamentally about people and communities working together to create positive change.

Areas commonly addressed through Smart Village initiatives include:

- Social inclusion
- Access to services
- Economic opportunities
- Digital and physical connectivity
- Climate action and environmental sustainability

The focus is on local leadership, community participation and practical solutions that respond to the needs of residents.

For more information visit: [Smart Village Strategies 2026: Supporting Rural Communities to Shape the Future of County Cavan](#)

Age Friendly Programme

- Cavan Age Friendly is partnering with Cavan County Fire Service to promote a free Smoke Alarm Scheme for Older People and People with Disabilities. Application forms can be obtained from local libraries and by contacting Cavan Age Friendly.
- Cavan Age Friendly and members of Cavan Older People's Council met with Cavan GAA to discuss the report on the walkability study on Kingspan Breffni park on 7th July and plan implementation of the actions identified.
- Two projects collaborated on by Cavan Age Friendly (Safe Journeys Ahead and the Art of Life) have been shortlisted for the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards. The judging for the awards took place on 5th August. The awards ceremony is taking place in Limerick on 8th October.
- Cavan Older People's Council Drop in Sessions continued during the summer with talks on from the Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Dementia Advisor, the Cavan Walking for all Officer and a sessions on ticketing options for GAA matches hosted by Cavan GAA in Kingspan Breffni.

- A workshop on Healthy Cooking with Air fryers for members of Cavan Older People's Council took place on Friday 21st August at 10.30am in the Event Space in the Library. This workshop was facilitated by Cavan County Local Development.

Traveller Interagency Group

- The Traveller Interagency Group meeting was held on the 21st July 2026.
- Health & Employment Sub-Group meetings will be held in Sept/Oct ahead of the next meeting of the main TIG is 20th October.

Cavan Disability Network

- 8 No. Disability Access Certificates processed from the last report on the BCMS System.
- Consultation is ongoing with the Cavan/Belturbet, Ballyjamesduff and Bailieborough/Cootehill area engineers in relation to works being planned in the three Municipal Districts.
- Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the Cavan Disability Network meetings are continuing hybrid, a meeting took place in June 2026 and the next meeting will take place in Sep. 2026.
- Dealing with accessibility queries from Cavan County Council Staff and members of the public.
- We attend meetings organised by the Cavan Disability Network who act as an umbrella group and give a voice to the many disability groups and individuals across the county with an interest in this area. However, these meetings are now taking place remotely/hybrid.

Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN)

- A total of 32 one to one supports were provided in July/August 2026.
- Total new registrations = 4
- Total no. registered groups = 570

Comhairle na nÓg

- Monthly meetings have been taking place.
- Comhairle na Nóg available of a One World Week Grant which was focused on Inclusion on public transport and created a Mini Manifesto, a youth friendly look at the issues explored.
- A Residential took place in Carlingford Adventure Centre on the 10th & 11th of August and gave us the opportunity to take part in Team Building activities, learn new skills and increase young people's confidence.
- On the 24th and 25th of August Comhairle na nÓg took part in a Film making workshop to record two ads to promote e-scooter safety amongst young people as we felt this is a very serious issue currently.
- Work is ongoing on planning this years Comhairle na nÓg AGM which is due to take place on the 9th November.

Healthy Cavan

- 1st July – Coordinator conducted an evening Community Development session with Cootehill in Cootehill Health Centre.
- 13th July – Coordinator attended the Healthy Cavan funded Badminton Teicnic camp at Cavan Leisure Centre.
- 15th July – Coordinator attended the Healthy Cavan funded Inclusive activity camp at Tanagh Outdoor Adventure Centre.
- 16th July – Coordinator met with Focus FRC in Killeshandra and provided 45 water bottles for children's summer provision.
- 24th July – Coordinator supported the Chief Officer in presenting at a Housing Residents Association coffee morning in the Chamber. Presented on all delivery through Community Development section.
- 5th August – Coordinator attended Healthy Cavan funded Autism activity summer camp at Ballintemple Community Centre.
- 12th August – Coordinator attended Healthy Cavan funded FAI Football camp for disabled children at Bailieboro Celtic FC.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP)

The following projects have been approved by the Department of Health must be completed by end May 2027.

- Early Learning Initiative
- Cavan Monaghan Connects
- Community Mobile Sensory Van
- Healthy Eating Airfryer Cookery Programme
- Belturbet Health Needs Analysis

Service Level Agreements are currently being sent to lead partners.

Pride of Place Competition

The following projects have been entered into this year's competition:

- Population 300-1000 - Cornafaen Community Social and Support Club
- Population 1000-2000 - Ballyconnell Market House
- Creative Communities – Holistic Harmonies Choir
- Climate Action and Biodiversity- Cavan Tidy towns
- Community Wellbeing Initiative – Corlough Community First Responders

Judging took place from 26th to 28th August. The Gala Awards night takes place in the Convention Centre, Dublin on Saturday 24th October 2026.

Local Community Safety Partnership

The Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) last convened on 17 June 2026, with discussions focusing on key community safety priorities across County Cavan.

LCSP Membership:

The Partnership's allocated Business Sector representative position has now been filled, completing the current membership structure.

Statutory Meeting:

A closed meeting of the LCSP and elected representatives will take place in Hotel Kilmore on 14 September 2026. This meeting is required under the provisions of the relevant legislation governing Local Community Safety Partnerships.

National Strategy for Improving Community Safety

The Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan TD, has published the Draft National Strategy for Improving Community Safety and is inviting public feedback. Further details can be found on the LCSP website [Local Community Safety Partnership - Cavan County Council](#)

How to Make a Submission:

Feedback on the draft strategy can be submitted through the designated consultation process.

- Closing date for submissions: 5.00 pm on 11 September 2026
- The feedback process is being managed by the National Office for Community Safety on behalf of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.
- Queries regarding the strategy should be directed to: strategy@communitysafety.ie

Cavan LCSP Three-Year Community Safety Plan:

- Cavan LCSP has commenced a procurement process to appoint consultants to develop the county's Three-Year Community Safety Plan.
- Closing date for tender submissions: 4 September 2026

Youth Protection Programme Working Group (Coco's Law):

- The "Coco's Law Documentary" was officially launched on 9 July 2026 at the Galway Film Festival. The event was attended by the LCSP Coordinator and members of An Garda Síochána, following an invitation from Jackie Fox.
- The documentary's first public screening marked an important milestone in raising awareness of the impact of online harassment and promoting safer online communities.

Working Group Establishment:

The first meeting of the Youth Protection Programme Working Group (Coco's Law) will take place on 7 September 2026. The group comprises 17 representatives from the following groups:

- ISPC
- Tusla
- HSE
- An Garda Síochána
- Cavan County Council
- Education Sector
- Foróige

Objectives of the Youth Protection Programme Working Group include:

- Raise awareness of the legislation and its implications.
- Address the impact of online harassment and image-based abuse.
- Support prevention and early intervention strategies, particularly among young people and parents.
- Strengthen interagency responses to incidents of harmful online behaviour.
- Promote reporting pathways and support services for victims.

Property Marking Events:

- Cavan currently has two property-marking machines, and An Garda Síochána has been actively supporting the rollout of property-marking initiatives across local communities. Additional events are planned throughout the county during the remainder of 2026. The most recent property marking farming event took place on Saturday the 11th July 2026.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOPTs):

- There are currently 250 BOPTs residing in State provided accommodation in County Cavan across 11 accommodation centres, and the modular builds.
- There have been significant developments during 2026 with regards to Government supports from BOPTs. Such changes form part of the Government's long-term approach to transitioning from emergency accommodation and Temporary Protection Status to a more sustainable, independent plan.
- A phased withdrawal of State provided accommodation for BOPTs has commenced, and all State provided accommodation centres nationally will be closed by March 2027. Provisions from vulnerable individuals in State provided accommodation who have an accommodation need following on March 2027, or sooner in the event of the accommodation centre they currently reside in closing is being addressed through an application process called the Self-Declaration Form.
- A key focus on the work of the LAIT in July and August has been supporting vulnerable BOPTs in completing the Self-Declaration Form and has included facilitating clinics at seven accommodation centres, supporting 62 individuals. Additionally, there are two centres that declined support and all 13 residents have advised that they have secured alternative accommodation privately.
- There are five accommodation centres throughout County Cavan that have been issued with a notice of closure in July with such centres due to cease operation on 31st October 2026.
- The deadline for the submission of the Self-Declaration Form is 11th September 2026. Following that, a new Temporary Protected Transition Scheme is planned, providing alternative immigration permission on a Stamp 4 basis. This scheme is intended to support those who have established their lives in Ireland, and will provide permission for up to two years, renewable for a further two years thereafter. It is expected that the application process for this scheme will open in September 2026

Offer a Home (OAH):

- There are currently 86 properties pledged to Offer a Home through Cavan County Council. The Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) will reduce from €600 to €400 from September 2026, with the first reduced payment expected in October. The scheme is scheduled to end in March 2027.
- The LAIT have received some general queries but haven't received confirmation that property owners are wishing to cease their agreement.

Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP):

- Cavan County Council Housing Department had made available two properties for the resettlement of refugees through the IRPP however the IRPP were unable to nominate a suitable family for one of the properties which was a first-floor apartment and required no mobility issues. Therefore, this property was withdrawn.
- A six-person family nominated for a three-bedroom property in Cavan town have been deemed suitable. This was confirmed with Cavan County Council Housing Department on 17th July 2026. Subsequently, the Application Form for Social Housing Support has been completed by the family, with the support of the staff at the Reception Orientation Centre (ROC). This was submitted to Cavan County Council Housing Department on the 27th August 2026.
- Likewise, with the support of staff at the ROC, the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Assistance Form has been completed and been returned to LAIT for submission to Department of Social Protection. An independent company, namely Murphy Furniture has been secured to complete kit-out of the house, which includes flooring, blinds, white-goods, furniture, etc. LAIT currently awaiting banking details of Murphy Furniture to submit this form.
- An IAWG Meeting has been arranged for 9th September 2026 which will support the resettlement programme to move onto the next phase. This meeting will take place online.

International Protection Applicants (IPAs):

- Nationally, there are 32,032 IPAs within the International Protection Accommodation System (IPAS). In County Cavan there are a total of 141 IPAs residing across three IPAS Centres, namely Coleman Court (63, men only), Dun a Ri (59, men only) and Castle Hill (19, 12 of whom are children, families).
- Clinics facilitated by the LAIT are ongoing in Dun a Ri however engagement with residents in Coleman Court and Castle Hill is poor. Meetings have been arranged between the LAIT and IPAS centre management with the aim being to discuss ways in which engagement can be increased. Additionally, the LAIT have sought support from Immigrant Council of Ireland to support increased engagement.

Other:

- The LAIT have supported Cavan County Council's Housing Department in supporting a family (African origin but with Irish Citizenship) who have been in receipt of racism and antisocial behaviour within their neighbourhood. The LAIT sought input from various services who could support the family, with

the aim being to support community involvement, increase a sense of belonging and build resilience and confidence. A meeting was held, facilitated by the LAIT and supported the introduction of the below services to the mother:

- Right Support Right Time, Respond
- Therapeutic Support Worker, ISPC
- UBU, Foroige
- Community Garda, An Garda Siochana
- MABS Case Worker, MABS (invited by family)
- Additionally, Cavan County Council Housing Department have invited the tenant to submit a transfer request.

Cavan Sports Partnership (CSP)

Communications:

- Social media: CSP Instagram and Facebook pages updated regularly.
- Continuation of website updates and newsletters.
- Preparation and planning for Volunteers in Sports Awards, this will take place on November 5th in the Kilmore Hotel.
- Planning for training and education courses in 2027 – Safeguarding, Club supports, First Aid, Nutrition information sessions and more.

Women in Sport:

- HER Outdoors Yoga – 5 females attended a Yoga session in Con Smith Park on August 11th
- HER Outdoors Yoga for Staff – 13 female Staff from Cavan CoCo attended a special lunchtime yoga session in Con Smith Park on August 11th
- HER Outdoors Sailing/Power Boating session – we had 20 ladies sign up for this 2hr sailing session delivered by Ramor Watersports Club in Virginia

Inclusion:

- Inclusion Kayaking in Cavan Adventure Centre – 10 participants started this 4-week course on August 14th Active Adults 55+
- HER Outdoors Pole Activator – 14 Women took part on this class at Castle Lake in Bailieborough Youth & Schools
- HER Outdoors teen girl camp – 25 teen girls took part in this 1-day teen girl camp in Cavan Adventure Centre. Activities included kayaking, archery and use of the inflatable water slides.

Finance:

- Monitoring the 2026 job codes for Sports Partnership
- Working on the EOY Financial Return 2025
 - Prepare Mid-year return (Income/Exp) for HSE job code ports Inclusion Programme

6. Arts & Culture



JULY 2026

1. Visual Art.

RAMOR ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS

'IN SCAPES / EX SCAPES/ LANDSCAPES' EXHIBITION

BY DR. JEAN ANTOINE – DUNNE

Jean Antoine-Dunne's exhibition navigates between a world seen and recorded and a sense of the ephemeral presences that inhabit these many spaces. As an artist, critic and scholar, Antoine-Dunne has moved across physical borders for over four decades and has sought to find correspondences between these many terrains and waterways through her meditation on the spaces in between.

Her paintings explore the beauty of the world around her, as in the woods surrounding Lough Ramor. But simultaneously embrace that changing scape with a sense of what it is to be a Caribbean woman in rural Ireland.

2. Summer Workshops

Bright Stars Stage School Summer Camp at Ramor Arts Centre in Virginia, County Cavan ran from July 6th to July 10th, 2026, runs daily from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Core Activities: Acting, singing, dancing, drama, and confidence-building exercises.

Special Perks: Included a pizza party, an ice pop treat, a Bright Stars T-shirt, and a live performance on the final day of the camp.

The Pod Youth Theatre Summer Camp at Ramor Arts Centre in Virginia, from Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17, 2026, featuring drama skills, creative play, and confidence building for children aged 8 to 12.

Age Group: 8 – 12 years old

Activities: Drama and performance skills, creative play, imagination development, and making friends.

Membership: Open to everyone; prior membership with Pod Youth Theatre was not required.

3. Artist Supports:

- (i) Daithi O'Connor singer/songwriter used the Multi-Purpose Room at Ramor Arts Centre each Thursday evening for rehearsals.
- (ii) POD Youth Drama continues to work in Ramor on a Monday evening.



JULY 2026

1. EXHIBITIONS

2. Whispers of the Countryside – A solo exhibition by Paul Galligan / Curated by Mark St. John Ellis

Official Opening: Sat 30 May | 3:00pm. Exhibition runs until Fri 10 July 2026.

Paul's work consists of large-scale charcoal and soft pastel drawings that focus on the local Irish rural landscape. He approaches these subjects as individual presences, creating oversized images that generate an almost 3D effect. The drawings are highly physical and expressive.

Farm animals, along with the ever-eroding trees and ditches — familiar yet often overlooked, intimate yet utilitarian — occupy a complex position within Irish culture. Charcoal is central to the process. Its immediacy and fragility mirror the subjects' vulnerability.

Rather than presenting an idealised rural image, the work acknowledges the quiet realities of coexistence between humans, animals, and land. In a time of environmental uncertainty and shifting relationships with agriculture, these drawings invite a pause - a moment to look closely at lives that are deeply interwoven with our own.

More info on: paulgalliganart.weebly.com Follow on Instagram: [paulgalliganart](https://www.instagram.com/paulgalliganart)

**Open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday – 11am to 4pm Saturday
Or by appointment**

3. '74 Summers' A solo exhibition by Brigid Mulligan

Official Opening Sat 25 July | 3:00pm. Exhibition runs until Fri 4 Sept 2026

Brigid Mulligan presents a new body of work that explores grief through process-based rituals. '74 Summers' includes monumental artwork and experimental film with community at its core. The exhibition will include a life-sized cyanotype print installation titled 'My Fathers Tractor'.

Through the process of creating this monumental four-sided installation, the artist considers the importance of remembering while coming to terms with loss. '74 Summers', an experimental film, explores communal grieving and the ritual of fire. This immersive film involves the artist and community building and then burning the monumental tractor. The hope is to create spaces for active remembering where grief can be explored in creative contexts.

1. PERFORMANCES

**THE ULTIMATE BUBBLE SHOW
Sat 11 July | 3:00pm | €10**

Ray Bubbles, international bubbleologist and Guinness World Record holder, is on a mission to master the art of bubble-making and create the ultimate square bubble. This show promises a whirlwind of excitement and surprises, as Ray uses various different gases to craft stunning bubble sculptures, effects, and magical displays. Prepare to be amazed as Ray creates a volcano bubble, a soap bubble carousel, a bubble ghost, and even a tornado inside a bubble! Join Ray and see if he can create the ultimate square bubble!

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AUGUST 2026

1. Visual Art.

RAMOR ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS

'IN SCAPES / EX SCAPES/ LANDSCAPES' EXHIBITION

BY DR. JEAN ANTOINE – DUNNE

Jean Antoine-Dunne's exhibition navigates between a world seen and recorded and a sense of the ephemeral presences that inhabit these many spaces. As an artist, critic and scholar, Antoine-Dunne has moved across physical borders for over four decades and has sought to find correspondences between these many terrains and waterways through her meditation on the spaces in between.

Her paintings explore the beauty of the world around her, as in the woods surrounding Lough Ramor. But simultaneously embrace that changing scape with a sense of what it is to be a Caribbean woman in rural Ireland.

2. SUMMER WORKSHOPS

JOY Workshop with Bryan Burroughs

Date: Saturday 1st August 2026

Time: 10am-5pm

Bryan Burroughs, award-winning actor, director and physical theatre performer, is coming to the Ramor Arts Centre this August with his **JOY Workshop**, in collaboration with VisceralArtStudio and in association with the Ramor Arts Centre.

How do we experience "JOY"? Why does someone's smile light us up or a shared moment of laughter with a stranger make us feel more connected? Why does laughter feel contagious and even come to our rescue when we need it most?

A physical theatre workshop exploring "JOY" in the life cycle of every human being from childhood to old age (and Beyond!)

Consent Forward Practice Workshop with Niamh McPhillips

Date: Friday 21st August 2026

Time: 10am-5pm

Niamh McPhillips, neurodivergent movement practitioner, performer, teacher, and intimacy director, is bringing her workshop **Consent Forward Practice Intro Workshop** to the Ramor Arts Centre this August, in collaboration with VisceralArtStudio and in association with the Ramor Arts Centre. Consent Forward Practice Intro Workshop is a movement-based, consent-led space for performers, artists, facilitators, teachers, and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of personal boundaries and building confidence in saying yes and no.

Through guided movement and principles drawn from intimacy direction, participants explore embodied communication, atonement, and clear boundary-setting in relation to self and others.

The workshop is limited to a maximum of 10 participants to ensure a focused, supportive environment that prioritises safety, choice, and individual agency.

3. Artist Supports:

- (v) Daithi O'Connor singer/songwriter used the Multi-Purpose Room at Ramor Arts Centre each Thursday evening for rehearsals.
- (vi) POD Youth Drama continues to work in Ramor on a Monday evening.



AUGUST 2026

3. EXHIBITIONS

1. '74 Summers' A solo exhibition by Brigid Mulligan

Official Opening Sat 25 July | 3:00pm. Exhibition runs until Fri 4 Sept 2026

Brigid Mulligan presents a new body of work that explores grief through process-based rituals. '74 Summers' includes monumental artwork and experimental film with community at its core. The exhibition will include a life-sized cyanotype print installation titled 'My Fathers Tractor'.

Through the process of creating this monumental four-sided installation, the artist considers the importance of remembering while coming to terms with loss. '74 Summers', an experimental film, explores communal grieving and the ritual of fire. This immersive film involves the artist and community building and then burning the monumental tractor. The hope is to create spaces for active remembering where grief can be explored in creative contexts.

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Cavan County Museum - July/August 2026



Nugent 100 Conference

Erne Quilters Exhibition installed



Garden Party and launch of Story of Cavan



Heritage Week : Lough Sheelin Exhibition Opening



Heritage Week : Lunchtime Lecture on the Evolution of House Dwellings in Ireland

Educational & Group Visits:

- St Clare's NS BJD - SEN group - summer visit to museum, 2 groups -23.
- Acquired Brain Injury Ireland -16+3
- Bailieborough Active Seniors Group -27
- Carlow Vintage Classic Motor Club – 30
- Cooneal Community Group visit – 50+
- Baileborough Craft Club – 20
- 46th Recruit Platoon – 28th Battalion - 39

Events:

- Nugent 100 Conference
- St. Clares Pupil's Reunion
- Quilter Exhibition Installed
- Garden Party and launch of Story of Cavan
- Irish Ambassador to Latvia and Latvian Ambassador to Ireland discussion on EU Presidency.

Heritage Week:

1. Lunchtime Lecture with Kevin Sweeney, Artist on the Evolution of House Dwellings in Ireland
2. New "Guides Favourite" Tours
3. Erne Quilters Exhibition as part of the 30th Anniversary Celebrations
4. Lough Sheelin Interactive Exhibition Opening

5. Museum Outreach to Loughcrew Heritage Week included two staff sharing the neolithic handling collection and one staff sharing stories, reaching 140 more members of the public for potential future visits.

Other:

- The Virginia Brooch temporary loan agreement with the National Museum of Ireland extended for the duration of the summer continued to attract visitors for the months of July and August and has now safely returned to the National Museum.
- Welcome to new member of our team, Eamon Boylan, Caretaker and two new members on the CE Scheme Lauren and Viktoras. We were sad to say goodbye to CE Scheme member Brenda and wish her well in her new role and wish CE Scheme Member Martin a full recovery after his farm accident.
- Graduate Summer Student Patrycja Stepka who joined us for the summer was a great asset to the team. We were sad to say goodbye and wish her well in her further studies.
- Work Experience Students in June includes a post university student.
- Ongoing – 30th Year Celebrations, meetings and work regarding upcoming events and exhibitions, grant projects and staff training; Outreach visiting elders collecting stories about the museum and Ballyjamesduff; Maintenance of the museum's catalogue and archives; Marketing;
- We welcomed the Peace Plus Face Off Youth group back after their summer break for their weekly visit.
- Fáilte Ireland arranged a visit from IMAGE Ireland to showcase the museum.
- Drop in visitors and families from Ireland and UK and other areas increased during this busy period.
- Visitor Numbers for July and August reached approximately 2,800.
- Daily usage of the playground and nun's walk by the local community also increased considerably during the summer period.

Arts Office

July 2026

Project Award Success: *The Mariettas* Continues to Gain Momentum

A theatre production supported through the Cavan Arts Project Awards programme in January 2026 continues to achieve significant success.

Following strong audience demand, Ramor Arts Centre announced an additional performance of **The Mariettas** on **10 September 2026**. Set

in 1960s Ireland, the production brings the showband era to life through comedy, music and nostalgia. Starring five Cavan women performing a cast of twenty characters, the production has attracted enthusiastic audiences and demonstrates the impact of local investment in new theatre work and talent development.

The addition of a second performance highlights the growing popularity of the production and the ongoing success of Cavan-supported artists working at a professional level.



Cultúr 2026: Latvian Cultural Showcase at The Cottage Market

As Cavan marks the launch of Ireland's EU Presidency Cultural Programme and celebrates its cultural pairing with Latvia, Cavan Arts supported a vibrant Latvian craft and food showcase at **The Cottage Market Summer Festival** in Cavan Town.

Supported through **Cultúr 2026 funding**, the initiative provided an opportunity for local audiences to experience Latvian traditions, creativity and cuisine while strengthening international cultural connections. The event highlighted the role of arts, heritage, food and culture in fostering intercultural understanding and international friendship.



The partnership represents an important step in developing cultural exchange opportunities as part of Ireland's Presidency of the European Union programme.

Artist Support: Elana Duff Installation

Cavan Arts supported artist Elena Duff in the development and presentation of a new soil-themed arts installation as part of the cultural programme and The Cottage Market Festival. The work encouraged audiences to engage with themes of landscape, environment, microbiome and sustainability while contributing to the overall cultural offering of the festival weekend.

Bailieborough Creative Hub

Cavan Arts supported Bailieborough Creative Hub to deliver two free public participation events during the festival:

- **Pieced Together** - a collaborative community artwork project.
- **Painting in the Park** - a free Plein Air painting event and competition in Con Smith Park.

The Plein Air initiative reflects a growing interest in outdoor painting and offered artists of all ages and abilities an opportunity to engage creatively with the local landscape.

Gulliver 300 Programme Developments

Countywide Preparations Continue

Planning and community engagement activity increased significantly throughout July in advance of the **Gulliver 300 Celebrations**, which will take place during the October Bank Holiday Weekend.

The celebrations mark:

- 300 years since the publication of *Gulliver's Travels*
- 200 years of Cavan Courthouse
- Ireland's EU Presidency programme

This flagship event is developing into a significant cultural programme involving artists, schools, community groups and audiences from across the county.

Six artists participated in training workshops with artist Tom Meskell at The Market House, Ballyconnell, during July as part of the Sleeping Giant project.

Following the training programme, the artists are now preparing to deliver workshops across the county's three Municipal Districts. In partnership with Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board (CMETB) workshops will also be delivered to after-school groups and youth organisations.

Workshops across the county are continuing on miniature "Little People" inspired by the world of Lilliput with artist Louise Swords is leading community arts initiatives that explore local folklore and storytelling traditions in areas including Swanlinbar and Belturbet.

Exhibition Opening: **74 Summers** by Brigid Mulligan

Cavan Arts supported the opening of **74 Summers**, a major solo exhibition by Cavan/ Longford visual artist Brigid Mulligan, that opened on 25 July.

The exhibition explores themes of memory, family, loss, love and collective remembrance through installation, film, cyanotype, photography and sculpture.

The exhibition provides audiences with an opportunity to engage with a powerful body of contemporary visual art rooted in personal history and rural Irish experience.



Classical Music Performance in Arva

Ian Wilson's through a Cavan Arts Award presented his contemporary composition, **Skull of a Curlew Filled with Stars**, inspired by the curlews and landscape of County Cavan in **St Patrick's Hall, Arva**, featuring acclaimed violinist **Duška Mladenović**.

The programme also included works by:

- J.S. Bach
- W.A. Mozart

The event attracted local audiences and demonstrated continued support for high-quality classical music programming in rural communities.

New Music Initiative: Ambient Music Festival, Killykeen

Cavan Arts supported the development of a new one-day **Ambient Music Festival** at Killykeen Forest Park.

Taking place on the August Bank Holiday Monday, the festival brings together eight emerging artists for a six-hour woodland concert experience in a unique natural setting.

Developed by singer-songwriter and promoter Gráinne Conaty, the event promotes original music, supports emerging artists and showcases County Cavan as a destination for innovative cultural experiences.

The alcohol-free event has also established links with the Killeshandra Festival of the Lakes, strengthening collaboration across local festivals and cultural programmes.



Paul Galligan Exhibition Continued in July at Townhall Arts Centre

Throughout July, audiences continued to visit **Whispers of the Countryside**, an exhibition by Cavan artist Paul Galligan at the Townhall Arts Centre.

The exhibition marked a significant departure from the artist's previous abstract practice, focusing instead on highly detailed representations of the local landscape, flora and natural environment.

The exhibition received strong audience engagement, with visitors particularly responding to the artist's large-scale pastel and graphite works. Through his meticulous and labour-intensive approach, Galligan explores themes of observation, time and attention in contrast to contemporary digital culture.

The exhibition provided an important platform for showcasing locally based professional artistic practice.



Culture Night 2026

Preparations for **Culture Night 2026**, taking place on **18 September**, continued throughout July.

The programme received an exceptionally high number of applications from artists, organisations and community groups across the county. The Arts Office worked extensively to support and accommodate as many proposals as possible while developing a diverse and ambitious programme for this year's event.

Culture Night continues to be one of the most significant opportunities for public engagement with the arts in County Cavan and is expected to attract substantial participation across all Municipal Districts.

Summary

July was an active month with significant progress across strategic initiatives, artist development programmes, exhibitions, festivals and community engagement projects. Key priorities included ongoing preparations for the Gulliver 300 celebrations, delivery of Cultúr 2026 initiatives, support for artists through exhibitions and commissions, development of new music and performance opportunities, and planning for Culture Night 2026.

August 2026

Overview

August 2026 was an active month for the Cavan County Council Arts Office, with activity spanning music, visual arts, film, digital creativity, traditional arts, community engagement and the development of the Culture Night/Oíche Chultúir 2026 programme.

The month saw the delivery of new initiatives, support for artists and creative practitioners, engagement with communities across the county, and significant collaboration with local, regional and cross-border partners.

1. Ambient Festival – Killykeen



The inaugural Ambient Festival took place at Killykeen Forest Park on Monday 3 August 2026, the August Bank Holiday.

The one-day, alcohol-free festival brought together music, food and outdoor experiences within the woodland setting of Killykeen. The event represented an innovative approach to cultural programming, creating an alternative festival experience centred on music, nature, wellbeing and community. Produced by Grainne Conaty.

The first edition was considered a significant success, with positive engagement from audiences and participants and strong potential for the development of the festival as an annual cultural event.

The initiative demonstrates the potential for arts and cultural programming to activate Cavan's natural heritage and public spaces while providing accessible and family-friendly cultural experiences.

2. Digital Arts Mapping Cavan Courthouse Free Workshops for Young People



Artist Anastasiia Zasimchuck held a number of free workshops at Johnston Central Library for a series of imaginative drawing workshops inspired by Gulliver's Travels for a new Digital Art Mapping to take place on Cavan Courthouse this October, celebrating the 300th anniversary of Gulliver's Travels and 200 Years of Cavan Courthouse as part of the Cultúr 2026 programme.

Young people were given their chance to be part of an innovative Digital Art Mapping project to happen on Cavan Courthouse this Autumn!

3. Music Generation Cavan/Monaghan and Cross-Border Folk Orchestra



The orchestra undertook rehearsals with renowned traditional musicians Máirtín O'Connor, Bríd Harper and Michael Rooney, in preparation for a performance featured on Fleadh TV.

The project represents an important contribution to the development of young musicians from Cavan, Monaghan and the border region and the promotion of traditional music, while also highlighting the strength of cross-border cultural collaboration.

The participation of the Cross Border Folk Orchestra on Fleadh TV provided a valuable national platform for young musicians from the region and showcased the quality of traditional music education and performance opportunities being developed locally.

4. Cavan Town CCÉ – Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann



More than 60 members of Cavan Town CCÉ performed on the Gig Rig at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann during August.

The performance provided an important platform for musicians from Cavan, particularly younger performers experiencing a major public stage for the first time.

The event showcased years of musical practice, traditional knowledge and community-based music-making and demonstrated the continuing strength of traditional music within Cavan.

The Arts Office congratulated all involved and recognised the importance of supporting opportunities that allow young musicians to develop confidence and performance experience.



5. Cavan Makerthon – Digital Creativity and Making

On 11 August 2026, the Arts Office launched the Cavan Makerthon, a new initiative aimed at artists, designers and makers across the county.

The initiative is designed to explore how emerging technologies can expand creative practice and will provide opportunities for intensive group sessions and one-to-one mentoring.

Technologies being explored include:

- 3D printing – ceramics and plastics
- Laser cutting and engraving
- CNC routing
- Digital embroidery
- Vinyl cutting
- 3D scanning
- Digital screen printing
- VR for design
- AI for 3D modelling
- Robotics, sensors and interactive systems

Artists and makers were invited to complete a short survey to help identify their interests, skills and training needs and to inform the development of the programme.

The initiative is being delivered through the DS3 Project, supported by PEACEPLUS, the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), in conjunction with Cavan County Council Arts Office and Fab Lab Maker Hub.

The Makerthon represents an important opportunity to build capacity within Cavan's creative sector and to introduce artists and makers to new technologies that can support experimentation, production and new forms of creative practice.

6. Cavan Film Double Bill – Odeon Cavan

During August, the Arts Office launched a new film initiative in partnership with Odeon Cinema Cavan, as part of the Cultúr 2026 programme.

The Cavan Film Double Bill will take place on Culture Night Eve, Thursday 17 September 2026, and will showcase two films made by Cavan filmmakers:



The Cure

The Cure was written by Butlersbridge filmmaker Sean Connolly and stars Fiona Maria Fitzpatrick and Seamus O'Rourke.

The psychological horror film draws on Cavan folklore and explores addiction through a supernatural narrative. The film will premiere in Cavan before proceeding to the national and international film festival circuit.

The film was co-funded by Creative Cavan and the Cavan County Council Arts Office.



The Lacey Way

The Lacey Way is a short film by Cavan filmmaker Regina de Faoite.

The film follows seventeen-year-old George Lacey, the first member of the reclusive Lacey family to attend a disco, and explores the effect this experience has on her younger sister.

The film premiered at the Galway Film Fleadh, where it received the Best First Short Drama award, marking Regina de Faoite as an emerging voice in Irish cinema.

The event provides an opportunity to celebrate and promote Cavan filmmaking talent while connecting local film production with wider national audiences.

7. Cavan 365 – Townhall Arts Centre

On 30 and 31 August, the Townhall Arts Centre, Cavan hosted portrait sessions as part of Cavan 365, a photographic project by artist Lorraine Teevan.

The project seeks to create a unique photographic collection celebrating the people and communities of County Cavan.

Members of the public were invited to have their portraits taken and to become part of a growing visual record of the county and its people.

The project supports the Arts Office's commitment to community participation, reaching more people and opportunities to actively engage with contemporary cultural projects.



8. 74 Summers – Brigid Mulligan

The Townhall Arts Centre continued to host **74 Summers**, a major exhibition by award-winning visual artist **Brigid Mulligan**.

The exhibition explores themes of **family, community, ritual, grief, memory and belonging**, with the artist drawing on connections to the farming community and rural life.

The exhibition provided an opportunity for the Arts Office and Townhall Arts Centre to engage with communities outside traditional arts audiences and to explore the relationship between contemporary visual art, agricultural life and lived experience.

A related cyanotype workshop was developed in conjunction with the exhibition.

Also a Cyanotype Workshop



A cyanotype printmaking workshop was held at Townhall Arts Centre.

The workshop introduces participants to the alternative photographic process of cyanotype, using botanicals, lace, glass and other textured materials to create blue-toned prints.

The workshop is designed for complete beginners and provides participants with an opportunity to experiment with composition, exposure and alternative photographic techniques, with participants producing prints, bookmarks and cards to take home.

The workshop is facilitated by **Brigid Mulligan**, an award-winning visual artist from Cavan / Longford border. Mulligan holds a Master's in Creative Practice and a First-Class Honours Degree in Fine Art Sculpture from ATU Galway.

The initiative is supported by **Townhall Arts Centre and Cavan Arts**.

9. Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir 2026

August saw a significant phase in the development and promotion of **Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir 2026 in County Cavan**.

The full county programme was launched during the week commencing **24 August 2026**, with promotional activity undertaken across the Arts Office's digital and social media platforms.

The programme brings together a wide range of cultural activity including:

- Music
- Visual arts
- Theatre
- Circus
- Workshops
- Community events
- Family activity
- Other creative and cultural experiences

The bilingual promotional campaign, using both English and Irish, supported the national Culture Night celebration while highlighting the breadth of cultural activity taking place throughout County Cavan.

The programme represents a substantial collaborative effort involving artists, arts organisations, community groups, venues and cultural partners throughout the county.

Cavan County Library Services – July & August 2026

Cavan Libraries continued delivery of all services to the public including a browsing service, providing access to lending stock, public computers, printers, local studies research, and study spaces. Cavan Library Service coordinated visits by local Craft Groups, Chess Clubs, Book Clubs, Painting Groups, Primary Schools and social inclusion groups.

Latvian Ambassadorial Visit to Cavan

Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council, Carmel Brady, and Chief Executive Eoin Doyle welcomed H.E. Mr Juris Stalmeistars, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to Ireland, and H.E. Ms Marcella Smyth, Ambassador of Ireland to Latvia, to County Cavan.

During their visit, Ambassador Stalmeistars and Ambassador Smyth signed the Visitors' Book in the Council Chamber as part of the county pairing initiative between Cavan and Latvia during Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, highlighting the strong ties and ongoing cooperation between both countries. The Ambassadors were treated to a tour of Cavan where they met Minister Niamh Smyth on a visit to Kingspan.



As part of the programme, Cavan County Museum hosted a special event: 'Ireland's EU Presidency - What does it mean?'. This event provided an opportunity for the Ambassadors to meet with members of the public and to discuss some of the pressing issues for Europe. The discussions were moderated by Tim Hayes, former Head of Communications at the European Commission Representation in Ireland.

Summer Reads

The Summer Reads collection has proved extremely popular this year. With a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, there is plenty to choose from for all readers. We were delighted to learn that a book included in this year's collection by local author Djamel White has been nominated as part of the Booker Longlist for 2026.

The collection can be viewed here: [Recommended Reads - Cavan County Libraries](#)

National Play Day



Libraries across Co Cavan joined in with National Play Day festivities 2026. The 2026 theme of **“Play for All”**, highlighted the importance of ensuring that children of all ages, abilities and backgrounds have access to meaningful and inclusive play opportunities. With that in mind we had a wonderful series of events across our library network, with family board games clubs, Sensory Saturdays play event, Lego Clubs, Community Jigsaws in the library and plenty of crafts.

We were delighted to receive some National Play Day funding from the Community and Enterprise Section. This funding saw a very successful 'Sásta Play' event being delivered in Johnston Central Library. This was a family event with a range of activities to engage and entertain children aged 0 – 5 years. We are very grateful for the funding provided through C&E to enable us to host this event.

Summer Stars Programme

The summer stars reading programme continued throughout July with children across the county signing up to the challenge of reading 8 books across the summer holidays. Events were held to coincide with the programme including Science Workshops, Ice-cream workshops, Lego Spike workshops, Magic Shows, Ukulele workshops, Pokemon Adventures, Creative Arts and Storytimes. We held a European Inventors Workshop to tie in with the Celebrations of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of Europe.



Solar Eclipse – Journey from Earth to Space

The 12th of August saw an exceptionally rare, deep partial solar eclipse of the sun in Ireland and Johnston Central Library celebrated this event with an interactive workshop for inquisitive kids and adults as part of our Summer Stars programme. We were joined by Dr Alexandra Ruth Fogg from DIAS Dunsink Observatory who carried out demonstrations of the eclipse and answered many questions about the Northern Lights, our Solar System and Space

My Little Library Bag

The Little Library Bag promotion campaign continued throughout August. Johnston Central Library and Virginia Library were delighted to welcome author Shane Hegarty on Tuesday the 25th of August for some special back to school storytimes. This initiative encourages all children starting Junior Infants in primary school to visit their local library and pick up a Free bag which includes two carefully selected storybooks focusing on starting school and making friends. The bag also includes important information for parents in navigating this momentous time in their children's lives. The Little Library Bag initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.

Services to Schools – Summer Programme

Libraries provided support to schools delivering the Summer programme during July. The summer programme replaces the 'July Provision' scheme in 2026 whose aim is to support children with complex special educational needs and those at risk of educational disadvantage. The theme for this year's programme is 'Building Confidence and Connections' so it was wonderful that so many groups connected with their local libraries. Library staff arranged group visits, tours, sessions on the magic tables, games clubs, and events to ensure the visits were enjoyable for students and teachers alike.

Heritage Week

Heritage Week 2026 ran this year from Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd August with Cavan Libraries hosting nearly 30 events including exhibitions, interactive talks, children's activity hubs, Children's story times, biodiversity themed workshops and craft sessions. Book displays were also created in each library to showcase the vast collection of books for adults and children on the themes of local history, social history, Irish history and biodiversity which are available across the service.

An interactive session was held in Johnston Central Library, titled, 'Banshees, Omens and Old Ways: Exploring Records from Cavan Folklore' which was designed to showcase the folklore holdings of Cavan Libraries and Archive Services. Virginia Library hosted Multicultural Women's Shed, Women Without Borders in Cavan County for their event 'The Taste of Childhood'. Bailieborough Library hosted Bailieborough Heritage Society this year with 'Stories from the Stones' as their main event with an interactive parade and talk followed by the opening of their exhibition. The evening had a turnout of 82 people in attendance which gives an indication of the popularity of Heritage Week in the county.

Ukrainian Independence Day Celebrations

The Ukrainian community gathered in Johnston Central Library to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence on Monday the 24th of August. The celebrations were opened by An Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council, Councillor Carmel Brady and focused on the importance of Literature as a way of preserving identity and culture. Those in attendance were treated to poetry readings and a musical performance.

As part of this event, Cavan County Library Service were delighted to accept a very generous donation of Ukrainian language books which were provided by AURI's 'Native Word' project supported by the International Charity Bazaar at the RDS in Dublin. These books will be available in the library for many to enjoy.

A special word of thanks goes to Sergiy Balan, Chairperson of the Ukrainian Association in the Republic of Ireland for organising such a wonderful event.

Adult Literacy – Skills for Life

Johnston Central Library hosted 'Byte and Brew' classes during July. These classes are designed to provide adults with the opportunity to update their digital skills and to learn how to get the best from their digital devices in a friendly and supportive group setting. These classes are being delivered as part of the Skills for Life programme in partnership with Cavan Monaghan ETB.

Seirbhísí as Gaeilge

Ciorcal Comhrá

There were opportunities to join in with a Ciorcal Comhrá in Arva and Cootehill Libraries in August.

Book Clubs

July and August saw book clubs available across the county for children, teenagers, Irish language speakers and adults. Johnston Central Library held a BorrowBox live event with author David Baldacci who told us all about his life as an author, his love of audiobooks and about his upcoming work.

Poetry Book Launch – To Heal

A very large crowd gathered in Bailieborough Library for the launch of 'To Heal' a book of poetry by local man Ciaran Guckian. This book is a celebration of resilience, hope and finding beauty in life's journey. Ciaran's poetry is a reflection of the world as he sees it and the moments that have shaped his life.

Exhibitions

Domain of the Dinosaurs

Cavan Library Services were delighted to be selected to host the Domain of the Dinosaurs mini-exhibition during August 2026. This exhibition contains selected specimens from the Mesozoic period and features the Irish dinosaurs and those who lived alongside them. Families were fascinated to learn about the species that lived then and participated in quizzes when visiting the exhibition. This exhibition was curated by the Glucksman Gallery in Cork and Cavan Library Services were nominated to host it by the Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark.



Handwriting before Screens

This exhibition was curated by our recently appointed Archivist, Martina O' Kane and showcased the exceptionally well-preserved penmanship of Anne and Mary Martin from Bailieborough Model school. Their copy books include beautiful illustrations, calculations, maps and diagrams and are a throwback to the curriculum of the 1880's.

Stone and Silence Exhibiton – Virginia Library

Cllr Carmel Brady, Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council welcomed everyone to 'Stone & Silence' a photography exhibition by Corey Davenport at Virginia library in celebration of Heritage Week 2026. Anne Marie Curley, Cavan Heritage Officer officially opened the exhibition. The stunning photographs bring the viewer journey through some of Ireland's most remarkable ancient monuments encouraging visitors to discover the enduring presence of Ireland's Ancient megalithic monuments and their significance within the cultural landscape. The exhibition will be on show in Virginia Library until 5th September. Families took part in a fun quiz based on the exhibition which created high engagement with visitors of all ages.

Stories from the Stones Exhibition – Bailieborough Library

Bailieborough Library hosted an exhibition in partnership with Bailieborough Heritage Society on the Old Church of Ireland Graveyard as part of the Heritage Week celebrations. This exhibition proved very popular with locals who shared many stories throughout the week with Library Staff.

Local History Services

Reminiscence Time – Johnston Central Library

On Saturday, 25th July, Reminiscence Time focused on Childhood Pets with attendees reminiscing on their family pets and the working pets of the farm.

Local Studies Clinic

The Local Studies Clinic was well attended this month and handled a wide variety of queries, some of which were related to upcoming arts projects in the county.

Banshee's, Omen's and Old Ways – Heritage Week Event

Borrowers were invited to join Local Studies Librarian Jonathan Smyth to view sources from the library's valuable local studies collection. Attendees were able to explore the Schools Folklore Collection and visit the exhibition.



Outreach Events

Cavan Library Services were delighted to attend the Virginia Show this month as part of the Adult Literacy for Life Cavan Stand. This provided a wonderful opportunity to promote our services.

Cavan Library Services were invited to deliver a talk to the COPD support group in Castlemanor during August. Library staff used this opportunity to promote our Healthy Ireland at your Library programme and our online services.

Creative Cavan

Art of Life

Creative Cavan were delighted that the Art of Life programme was shortlisted for National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards

Cruinniú na nÓg 2026

Drawdown completed and submitted to Creative Ireland.

Shared Island Cruinniú na nÓg

Additional Funding €15,080 for Explore and Wonder

Delivered in partnership with Creative Monaghan, Creative Cavan will lead. Deliver on 28 October at Share Holiday village this is a fun day for children and families with disabilities and follows on from successful delivery in June 2026.

Age Friendly Ireland Judging

Presentation to Age Friendly Ireland judges took place on the 4th of August along with participants and partners on Art of Life Shared Island Project.

Craft Collectives - Meet the Maker

Weekend exhibition and workshops 6 August - supported by Creative Cavan and delivered in partnership with Cavan LEO office.

Lough Sheelin Immersive Exhibition

An immersive Community Arts project led by Kim Gaffney Art launched in Cavan County Museum on Saturday 22 August.

7. Finance & IT

Accounts Payable /Treasury Management:

- Weekly payment runs – cheques and EFT
- Processing of LVPCs
- Agresso support to users within the LA
- Managing Investments/Working Capital/Debtors
- Monitoring daily and weekly cashflow and month end bank reconciliations
- No recourse to bank overdraft facility
- Monitoring of Revenue and Capital Income and Expenditure against Budgets
- Monitoring and follow up on all Recoupments on a weekly/monthly basis
- Department returns
- Tax advice to various sections
- Bank reconciliations
- Agresso upgrade project
- Liaising with Local Government Auditor
- Budget 2027 work

Payroll/Finance:

- Payroll has functioned at 100% capacity with no downtime recorded.
- Five pay dates July 01st, 15th, 29th and August 12th, 26th were processed and completed for Salaries and Wages including Fire.
- Payroll deductions were successfully processed, and monies paid to suppliers.
- Four travel expense payments were processed during this period.
- ERR reports submitted to revenue for each of the travel payments.
- Online payslip portal option up and running.
- Credit checks carried out on new loan applicants and Approved Housing Bodies.
- Monthly loan routines completed and reviewed.
- Review and follow up on loans and loan arrears.
- Follow up on insurance with borrowers.
- Credit Committee met to review loan applications.
- Repayments made to the HFA on loans.
- Public Liability /Personal Injuries queries and claims followed up.
- P30 and P35 reviewed.
- Phone Bill payments made.
- Stores invoices processed and sent to relevant parties.
- Returns, payments and recoupments completed.
- Reconciliation of Petty Cash Account.
- Compilation of information and records requested for audits.
- Requests for information, updates and reports responded to.

Procurement Office and CTA Unit:

- This included competition for each of the districts. For supply of materials plant and equipment
- Tender Evaluations: Tenders submitted via SupplyGov have been returned and evaluated.
- eTenders & SupplyGov Management: The Procurement Officer and members of the CTA Unit manage the eTenders system and administer tender competitions through SupplyGov.
- Procurement Support: The Procurement Officer and CTA Unit continue to provide guidance and support to management and staff throughout the procurement process, ensuring adherence to procurement protocols.

- Contract References: Procurement references are being generated as required for contracts awarded following tender competitions.
- Procurement Activity (August): A total of 2 quotation and 5 tender competitions were administered by the Unit during June
- The current draft of the councils proposed Green Public Procurement Strategy is awaiting the outcome from the DPENDR Consultation process currently underway to replace Circular 20/2019 in light of the DECC Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027 document. It is envisaged that the Councils Draft GPP Strategy will have to be amended in line with the relevant outcome and then presented to the SMT and CE for further consideration
- The New Version of the Councils Procurement Procedure Manual is to be issues shortly. The manual provides guidance to staff on the day-to-day procurement operational issues and is updated in line with the new OGP Public.
- We have published a quotation on the SupplyGov platform for the first time under the Retrofit Financing Programme for works relating to the N3.

Internal Audit:

- Internal Audit Work undertaken in accordance with the Annual IA Plan
- Article 48 Leader Grant Assessments- Ongoing
- P2P Q2 Stats Review Work- Completed and Circulated to the line managers
- Motor Tax Procedures Control Check
- Customer Service Desk Income Control Check
- SICAP Annual Review 2025- Commenced
- IA Procedures Manual- Updated
- Internal Audit Strategy- Drafted
- External & Internal Audit Registers- Updated
- Follow Up of Audit Recommendations- Updated Audit Recommendation Tracker

Motor Tax:

- Carried out the routine administration duties.
- Issuing of Trade Plates.
- Control and management of stock from the Department.
- Daily/Weekly/Monthly reconciliation of all financial transactions.
- Preparation and submission of monthly returns to the Department.
- Management and control of all cash lodgements for Cavan County Council.
- August 2026 - 1,655 transactions. Year to date 13,207.
- Arrears - €23,987. Year to date €194,858.
- Total Receipts - €235,411. Year to date €2,109,430.

IT Department

CE Report – IT Dept. Department Activity for July/August 2026.

Digital Communities.

- Host Tech Events, robotics workshops, Podcast workshops, AI workshops in Kingscourt & OurKidsCode workshops.
- Prepare for Eco Feile (meetings)
- Laser cut houses for Gulliver Event
- Complete Funding applications & Award nominations
- Complete Event participation requests
- Host Cavan Connects Cafés & Cavan Connects Podcast

NBI Progress:

(NBI work is practically completed. All areas are marked ready to order.)

Status	Percentage	Premises
Build in Progress	1%	158
Ready to order	99%	16626

GIS

- Producing maps for Development Plan Variation
- Updating dataset for Property Activation Team
- Preparing datasets for Open Data
- Work on Taking in Charge Estates
- Data clean on Register of Electors
- Providing datasets for consultants

Cyber Security

- MFA method for GlobalProtect remote access updated.
- Microsoft MFA update rollout assessment conducted.
- Increase in MS Defender secure score.
- CyFun security audit – 13/34 controls reviewed??
- Cyber security refresher training – Planning and Fire Service Depts.
- NCSC security advisories checked and applied where needed.
- Monthly security patches applied to Servers and Endpoints.
- Mailmeter refresher training completed with IT and DPO staff.
- Quarterly external vulnerability scan completed.
- PAM360 upgrade & IReg update completed.
- Information Security Officers Regional Meeting in Leitrim.

Infrastructure

- Network Switches firmware upgrades complete.
- 5G Broadband connection installed JCL Library – Public wi-fi.
- New switch and wi-fi network installed in Townhall building.
- Vendor Appt completed for HCI replacement and new equipment received.
- New HR MGT drive setup to separate HR Data and Corporate Data.
- SQL backups modified and space issues resolved.
- Teams Office message updated on all Customer facing phone lines.
- Move to AWS from Civica for Library Spydus system and SIP2 protocol for Kiosks and Bibliotheca equipment.

- Meraki devices firmware upgrades complete.
- Library Fund Approved – Network/Comms areas reviewed. Upgrades of equipment at JCL Cavan completed.

Digital

- CRM Training & Implementation Progressed.
- Affordable Housing Application Form live.
- PMDS App mid-year reviews development work complete. Test phase commenced.
- Compliance flows fix – edited to allow for numbering anomalies.

Website Activity.

Website	Hits	Website	Hits
Bridge St. Centre	75(128)	Cavan Library	9,190 (9,542)
Cavan Diaspora	91 (93)	Cavan Sports	4,245 (4,430)
Cavan Arts	1,837 (1,739)	Cavan Connects	1,138 (475)
Cavan Museum	3,240 (4,233)	Cavan Co. Council	58,390(60,395)
thisiscavan.ie	23,698 (21,679)		

(previous month)

Help Desk Requests – August

- No of calls logged: 469 | No of calls closed: 417

8. Fire Services & Civil Defence

June

Operations

The County Fire Brigades responded to 58 incidents during the month of June 2026. On 6 occasions, the Incident Commander requested additional resources over what has been prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance.

Overview

22%	Fire-related, span includes outdoors, vehicle and structural fires
28%	Road traffic collisions
28%	Support provided to LA outdoor staff for road-based incidents
16%	Fire Alarm and/or Carbon Monoxide Alarms activations
6%	Ambulance & other local (emergency) service assists

There were 2 cross-county incidents during the reporting period.

Training

The following training courses were completed in June:

- 5-day QQI Hazardous Materials Course (12 Learners)
- 3-day Refresher Hazardous Materials Course (12 Learners)
- 2-day NDFEM Compressed Air Foam Instructors Course (1 Cavan Instructor)



Cathaoirleach Cllr Carmel Brady congratulating firefighters

Thanks for Cavan Civil Defence for the use of their excellent facility, and to Kyte Powertech, Ultra Clean Technology, and Cavan Institute for allowing us to undertake off-site exercises at their premises.

Fire Prevention

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested Additional Information	Inspected	Granted
FSC *	7				3
Revised FSC					1
Regularisation Certificate				1	1

*FSC – Fire Safety Certificate, includes applications for 7 Day Notice

There were 3 inspections carried out in relation to fire safety concerns raised.
There was one licensing application, to which there was no objection.

Building Control

Application type	Received	Invalid	Requested Revised Information	Granted
DAC*	2		1	3
Revised DAC*				1
Dispensation/Relaxation				

**Disability Access Certificate*

Commencement Notices for June 2026

Commencement Notices (CN) submitted: 26

- 14 Opt-Out Declarations
- 4 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 6 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 2 Seven-Day Notices

Certificates Of Completion (CCC), processed in June 2026

- 3 New No of CCC submitted.
- 3 Required Revised Information.
- 6 Validated.
- 0 Invalidated.

Civil Defence

In June Cavan County Civil Defence completed a total of 22 duties, comprising of the following.

Irish Blood Transfusion Clinics	8
(Cootehill 1, Cavan Kilmore Hotel 4, Lough Gowna 2, Ballyconnell 1)	
Relics St.Oliver Plunkett	1
Burren Bites Event Geopark Cuilcagh	1
Cavan Road League Cycle Races	2
(CKR Maudabawn & Moynalty Cycle Club)	
Lavey Gaa Music Festival	3
Ulster Gaelic for Mothers & Others	1
All Ireland Series Round 2 Football	1
Aussie Rules Football Game	1
Camino (Killeshandra)	1



Patient Transport	1
County Museum Ballyjamesduff 30yr Celebration	1



Scouting Ireland Castlesaunderson	1
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Four 4 volunteers accompanied the Civil Defence Officer, travelled to McKee Barracks, Dublin on Saturday 27th June to collect their Long Service Medals. Three received their 30-year medal and 1 received her 40-year medal in recognition of the exceptional commitment and service to Civil Defence and the community. The medal ceremony was organised by the Civil Defence Branch and were presented by Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Defence, Mr. Thomas Burke TD.

Training & Exercises

- Attended the EPA National Radiation Exercise, maintaining the necessary skills and readiness to support the Environmental Protection Agency. Completed soil & grass sampling as part of the exercise, delivering the samples to the EPA lab in Monaghan.



- Two volunteers attend a Bulk Catering Course in Carlow, organised by the Civil Defence Branch.
- Four volunteers successfully completed their Cardiac First Response, Advanced Re-certification in Civil Defence HQ Cavan.

July

Our thoughts and sympathies are with the loved ones of those who died as a result of a road traffic collision in July 2026.

Arrival of three new jeeps



Handover of Virginia CN15J1, Ballyjamesduff CN16J1 & Killeshandra CN19J1

Operations

The County Fire Brigades responded to 62 incidents during the month of July 2026. On 6 occasions, the Incident Commander requested additional resources over what has been prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance.

Overview

- 47% Fire-related, span includes outdoors, vehicle and structural fires
- 27% Road traffic collisions
- 10% Support provided to LA outdoor staff for road-based incidents
- 8% Fire Alarm and/or Carbon Monoxide Alarms activations
- 8% Ambulance & other local (emergency) service assists

There were 2 cross-county incidents during the reporting period.

Training

The following training courses were completed in July:

- 1 x recruit successfully completed the 15 days QQI Firefighting Skills course
- Final fitout and familiarisation handover of new jeeps

Fire Prevention

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested Additional Information	Inspected	Granted
FSC *	8		4		8
Revised FSC					
Regularisation Certificate			1	1	1

*FSC – Fire Safety Certificate, includes applications for 7 Day Notice

There was 1 inspection carried out in relation to a fire safety concern raised.
There were 4 licensing applications, to which there was no objections raised

Building Control

Application type	Received	Invalid	Requested Revised Information	Granted
DAC*	9			3
Revised DAC*				
Dispensation/Relaxation				

**Disability Access Certificate*

Commencement Notices for July 2026

Commencement Notices (CN) submitted: 30

- 17 Opt Out Declarations
- 4 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 7 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 2 Seven Day Notices

Certificates Of Completion (CCC), processed in July 2026

- 12 New No of CCC submitted.
- 3 Required Revised Information.
- 11 Validated.
- 1 Invalidated.

Civil Defence

In July Cavan County Civil Defence completed a total of 14 duties, comprising of the following.

Patient Transports	2
One to Drogheda Fracture Clinic stretcher patient,	
One to Mater Eye Clinic Dublin.	
5k & 10K fundraiser walks/runs	2



Cuan Cancer Farnham Estate & Thomas Doonan Run



Cavan Cottage Markets	2
Slane Concerts *	2
Teach Oscil Outdoor Cinema	1
Foroige Community Fun Day	1
Drone Assist, Cavan County Fire Service	3
An Garda Siochana, assist with Boat	1

At Slane Castle, 32 volunteers over the course of the 2 days provided Ambulance and Medical cover, along with the Boat Team. The boat team provided two boats on the Boyne for the event, and the Catering Unit was used to prepare cook food for some 500 volunteers on each day. Cavan Civil Defence were happy to assist our neighbours Meath Civil Defence with this event.



Training

- Ran a 3- day First Aid Response (FAR) Course in Blacklion for Cavan Geo Park Rangers and Guides.
- 8 Emergency First Responders (EFR) completed their EFR re-certification

9. Water Services

Cavan County Council Water Services Section continues to adapt to challenges of what is still a relatively new operating environment in collaboration with Uisce Éireann. Cavan County Council Water Services Department is to the forefront of shaping and delivering an operating framework to ensure that we as a County and Nation are best positioned to avail of the opportunities presented by the changing circumstances.

From 1st January 2014 delivery of water and wastewater services became the responsibility of Uisce Éireann. Initially this was under the governance of a 12-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Uisce Éireann for the delivery of the services. The SLA has now been superseded by a Master Cooperation Agreement (MCA), which came into effect on 13th September 2023, and will run until 31st December 2026.

Water is considered a 'social good' and activities related to water services support the three aspects (economic, social, and environmental) of sustainable development. The objectives of the section working on behalf of Uisce Éireann is to:

- provide an adequate water supply of sustainable quality for domestic, industrial, agricultural, and other users.
- provide sewerage facilities for the safe and adequate disposal of sewage and other waterborne wastes.
- provide the infrastructure to support the above objectives.
- provide an efficient and responsive service to customers at all times.
- plan for future growth and development.
- deliver all of the above at the most economic cost and minimum charge to customers.

There are 16 Public Water Schemes in the County of which 7 are being supplied by Private Group Water Schemes. There are 26 public wastewater treatment plants in the County.

Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services

In February 2022, the government published a **Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper, Uisce Éireann – Towards a National, Publicly Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility**. The paper referenced the process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC), which has been ongoing with a view to assisting the parties to devise a mutually agreed operational framework to replace the Service Level Agreements. The government asked the parties to engage to agree a framework for a stable operating structure for the future delivery of water services.

Meetings were ongoing since July of 2021 between the representatives of the management side (CCMA, LGMA, DHLGH and Uisce Éireann) and the trade unions under the auspices of the Workplace Relations Commission and a final meeting was held on the 20th of June 2022.

The outcome of this engagement was the Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services, which outlined the future plan and timescale of the transition of the Water Services function from the Local Authorities to a Single Public Utility. It also addressed staff issues relating to the future delivery of water services.

The process leading to this SPU continues and will see the expected milestone for the cessation of Local Authority involvement in this service by 31st December 2026.

The effective date for transfer of direct management of water services function to Uisce Éireann in Cavan County Council was September 6th, 2023. Uisce Éireann have now assumed the direct management of the water services function in respect of public water supplies. Uisce Éireann as part of the ongoing transition process is currently rolling out its Target Operating Model across Cavan & Monaghan which will see operations operated under various streams such as water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, water distribution networks, wastewater collection networks etc.

December 31st 2026, a date which is fast approaching will see the culmination of Cavan County Council's provision of the Water Services function in regard to public water & wastewater.

Major Capital Projects

ECI Wastewater Project Report

Uisce Éireann Project Stages

The Public Spending Code (PSC), published in December 2019, sets out the rules and procedures on expenditure on capital projects across the Irish public service. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHGLH) issued the "Water Services Sector Specific Guidelines on the Public Spending Code: Management of Public Investment in Irish Water" on 19 July 2022. As a body in receipt of public funding, Uisce Éireann (UÉ) must comply, as appropriate, with the relevant requirements of the Public Spending Code (PSC).

The PSC has a multi-stage approvals process to facilitate the delivery of a capital project and UÉ aligns its own internal approvals process for its capital projects to these project lifecycle stages. These stages must be adhered to and are subject to the appropriate procurement, planning, legal and environmental regulations.

While Uisce Éireann and Cavan County Council collaborate to ensure the necessary funding and resources are allocated to progress these projects, it can take several years to bring a project through all these stages.

Stage 1: Strategic Assessment

At this stage, UÉ develops the project rationale and objectives, project outcomes, long list of potential options and indicative range of costs.

Stage 2: Preliminary Business Case

At this stage, UÉ undertakes detailed analysis, develops a short list of solutions and finds the preferred option from the short list of projects. This stage also includes estimating the total cost of the project.

Stage 3: Final Business Case

At this stage, the project progresses through detailed design and statutory approvals after which the tender process for the procurement of a contractor to deliver the project is also completed.

Stage 4: Implementation (Construction)

This involves the construction stage of the project where the contractor is physically delivering the plant/asset and typically includes commissioning of the works at the end of the construction stage.

Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2020 - 2024

52 wastewater treatment plants identified across the country in need of upgrade due to failings on discharge limits and hydraulic capacity.

Cavan Sites currently included;

Bailieborough, Ballyjamesduff, Kingscourt, Cootehill, & Virginia WWTP's

Feasibility Study reports (Atkins) were completed for the above-named sites in Q4 2019 and were progressed to gate 2 works, (Planning, Design, EIA, EIS etc.), in Q1 2020.

Ballyjamesduff WWTP

The planning application for the Ballyjamesduff WWTP upgrade Project was submitted and validated by our own Cavan County Council LA Planning Department - reference number 22145. A notification of decision to grant was issued in November 2022 with full planning permission granted for the Project thereafter in January 2023. At present the guideline / estimated completion date for the Construction Phase of Ballyjamesduff WWTP is Q4 2025. The Ballyjamesduff Project reached Workshop 6 stage on 6th November 2023 – with a date for signing of Contracts between the relevant parties achieved in January 2024.

The Project then entered the pre handover / Operations shadowing period which was completed by the end of February 2024. This resulted in in VWI taking possession of the site and commencing the interim operation of the asset on behalf of UE for the duration of the Construction phase and the commissioning stage thereafter.

Start on site milestone was achieved in March 2024.

At present the guideline/estimated practical completion date for Ballyjamesduff WWTP as provided by UE is Q4 2026. *This provisional completion date is currently being reviewed by the Project Team as part of the ongoing pull plan workshop process. VWI have been requested and encouraged to provide a more detailed and up to date Programme to determine where potential time saving efficiencies - once identified - can be implemented. This requirement is now a rolling month-month activity for VWI and is subject to ongoing Project Team review and implementation.*

Official progress meetings take place at the Contractor's site offices since the commencement of the works on site and are to be held monthly basis throughout the lifetime of the Project.

The key tasks of Phase 1 Construction work which have been undertaken are currently underway and/or completed recently summarised as follows:

Key milestones achieved during this reporting period

- ❖ • Complete with Electrical works in Sludge Dewatering Build
- ❖ • Complete with Dry Commissioning at East End

Key works planned for next reporting period

- ❖ • Continue with Process Optimization on West End
- ❖ • Continue with Odour Control Pipework
- ❖ • Complete Mech Works in Sludge Dewatering Build
- ❖ • Complete Mech Works at Inlet Works
- ❖ • Complete Mech Works on PVC pipework on Pipe Rack
- ❖ • Continue with Decommissioning of Settlement Tank No 1
- ❖ • Commence new civil works in Settlement Tank No 1
- ❖ • Continue & complete O/S Mech works on Observation List
- ❖ • Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Hybas cell in Process Tank
- ❖ • Complete all snags on Shanette Kiosks
- ❖ • Repainting of floor area in Sludge Thickening Room

Ballyjamesduff WWTP – Project Details in summary

Existing design PE – 2,200

Proposed PE – 5,200

Planning submission date – April 2022

Planning Granted – January 2023

Construction started– June 2025

Substantial Completion – Early Q2 2027

Estimated Investment €25 million

Virginia WWTP

The Planning Application submission milestone for the Virginia Project took place on the 5th December 2022. The application was validated by our own Cavan County Council LA Planning Department - reference number 22489. The Planning Authority subsequently sought responses from the applicant by way of Requests for Further Information in early Q1 2023 and these responses were finalised and submitted by VWI / Design Team in August 2023. A notification of decision to grant was issued earlier in October 2023 with full planning permission for the Project granted in November 2023.

At present the guideline/estimated practical completion date for Virginia WWTP as provided by UE is Q3 2026. *This provisional completion date is currently being reviewed by the Project Team as part of the ongoing pull plan workshop process. VWI have been requested and encouraged to provide a more detailed and up to date Programme to determine where potential time saving efficiencies - once identified - can be implemented. This requirement is now a rolling month-month activity for VWI and is subject to ongoing Project Team review and implementation.*

VWI completed their Workshop 6 technical submission in August 2023 and their Workshop 6 Commercial submission was finalised and approved by January 2024.

During the months of March and April 2024 – CCC LA Major Capital Office assisted UE in the completion of Land and Wayleaves items which remained outstanding.

UE formally signed off on the PDI stage of the Project and have now entered Contract arrangements with VWI to undertake the construction phase. Workshop 7 (start on site) milestone was achieved in early June 2024.

Official progress meetings take place at the Contractor's site offices since the commencement of the works on site and are to be held monthly basis throughout the lifetime of the Project.

The key tasks of Phase 1 Construction work which have been undertaken are currently underway and/or completed recently summarised as follows;

Key milestones achieved during this reporting period

- ❖ *Dry commissioning ongoing.*
- ❖ *Hydro-static testing to Tertiary filter/outfall pumping station on-going.*
- ❖ *Water test of penstocks to Inlet works and splitter chamber of MBBR complete.*
- ❖ *Hydro-static water test to MBBR tank complete.*
- ❖ *Guide rails, pedestals and riser pipes installed to foul and storm sumps at the main pumping station.*
- ❖ *Grit removal system installed and dry commissioning and partial wet commissioning.*
- ❖ *Pipework and columns between CSO and Inlet works ongoing.*
- ❖ *Removal of belt press and poly units from existing belt press house.*
- ❖ *Commence breaking out the floor of the belt press house and skip area.*
- ❖ *Benching commenced to foul and storm sumps.*
- ❖ *Commenced drawing away liquid sludge from WWTP (28.07.26)*
- ❖ *The odour control plinth beside the Tertiary area was complete.*
- ❖ *Odour control plinth between CSO and Inlet Works was complete.*
- ❖ *New 125mm red power duct laid to accommodate proposed diverted ESB cable out of pumping station site.*
- ❖ *GRP covers the flume channel of CSO completed.*

Key works planned for next reporting period

- ❖ *Plinth under 450mm and 250mm overhead pipework to be completed.*
- ❖ *Complete pressure test on 560mm PE storm rising main.*
- ❖ *Water test of tertiary filter/outfall pumping station internal walls to be completed.*
- ❖ *Complete works on high level pipework and columns between CSO and Inlet works.*
- ❖ *Pressure Tests on Service Water System (PVC Pipe work).*
- ❖ *Pipework to outfall valve chamber and wash water recovery valve chamber at tertiary filter to have started.*

- ❖ *Complete Hydro-Static testing of Tertiary filter/Outfall pumping station.*
- ❖ *Complete Hydro-tech install.*
- ❖ *Floor to belt press building to be installed.*
- ❖ *Gantry crane to be installed to Centrifuge building.*
- ❖ *Mixers and solid GRP flooring to be installed at tertiary works.*
- ❖ *Media to be placed in the Hy-bas tanks.*
- ❖ *Hydro-static test to both storm tanks to be completed.*
- ❖ *Hydro-static test to flume channel of CSO to be complete.*
- ❖ *Chemical storage kiosk (Shanette Shed) placed on concrete plinth beside flocc tanks at tertiary area.*
- ❖ *Gantry crane to be installed to the centrifuge building.*
- ❖ *Complete benching to inlet well of foul sump at main pumping station.*
- ❖ *Diversion of ESB cable at main pumping station to be complete.*

Virginia WWTP – Project Details in summary

Existing design PE – 2,000

Proposed PE – 6,000

Planning submission date – December 2022

Planning Granted – November 2023

Construction started – February 2024

Substantial Completion – Q2 2027

Estimated Investment €33 million

Kingscourt, Cootehill & Bailieborough WWTP Upgrade Projects

Project Summaries – Current Estimated Timelines

Bailieborough WWTP – Project Details

Existing design PE – 2,500 (currently serving an estimated 3,390)

Proposed PE – 5,500

Planning submission date – July 2025

Planning Granted - October 2025

Estimated Construction starts – Q3 2026

Substantial Completion (30 months) – Q1 2029

Kingscourt WWTP – Project Details

Existing design PE – 2,400 (Estimated current load 3,388)

Proposed PE – 5,700

Planning submission date – 22nd May 2026

Contract Signing – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Cootehill WWTP – Project Details*

Existing design PE – 2,756 (Estimated current load 3,353)

Proposed PE – 5,200 with sludge processing

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q2 2026

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Proposed WWDL date – After planning application submission

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Ballinagh

An upgrade to Ballinagh has now been added to the above list of Projects. This is at an initial stage with a feasibility study to be prepared which will highlight options. In the interim it is proposed to provide short term solution via modular plant.

Mullagh

An upgrade project is also in train for Mullagh WWTP. Further details will be provided in coming months.

Drinking Water Infrastructure Investment County Cavan

The National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) is Uisce Éireann's plan to identify how to provide a safe, sustainable, secure and reliable water supply to customers both now and into the future whilst safeguarding the environment. The NWRP sets out how supply and demand for drinking water will be balanced over the short, medium and long term. It is a 25-year strategy to ensure we have a safe, sustainable, secure and reliable drinking water supply for everyone. Following on from the public consultation on Phase 1 NWRP draft Framework Plan and associated environmental reports, the submissions and observations received from public consultation have been taken into consideration, and the NWRP Framework Plan updated. The NWRP Framework Plan has now been adopted. Following on from this UÉ has produced 4 No. Regional Water Resource Plans. Water Supply to County Cavan are covered under the *Regional Water Resources Plan (RWRP) North West Region* and *Regional Water Resources Plan (RWRP) Easter-Midlands Region*. Again both of these plans have been adopted. These plans will evolve into identified infrastructural development across the region.

Cavan Rural Water Update

The **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021** was launched on February 8th, 2019, and all projects bar two are now complete. Completion of the remaining two is imminent. Submissions were made for funding towards fifty-one specific projects on behalf of 27 Schemes or scheme bundles, totalling

€2,107,016.35.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026

On January 17th, 2024, Minister Darragh O' Brien announced the launch of the next cycle of the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme which covers the three-year period 2024 to 2026. Local Authorities were

invited to submit applications for funding under this programme with a closing date of 12th April 2024. Cavan County Council was in communication with all Group Schemes requesting submissions to be considered for funding. Submissions were received and submitted in advance of the deadline, seeking funding for 133 specific projects in the amount of €18,518,525.09. Evaluation and recommendations on funding are in the process of being made by an Independent Expert Panel at National Level.

The recommendations of the Panel have been considered, and the Minister has made decisions on the applications received for the funding measures below:

- Measure A1: Source Protection for Existing Private Group Water Schemes.
- Measure A2: Water Treatment Provision, Improvements and Capital Replacement (existing private group water schemes). (Partial allocation).
- Measure A3: Amalgamation and/or Rationalisation (existing private group water schemes).
- Measure A4: Water conservation, leakage reduction and prevention.
- Measure A5: Extensions to existing private group water schemes and new group water schemes.
- Measure A6: Taking-in-charge of Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes; and
- Measure A7: Community Water Connections and Community Wastewater Connections.
- Measure A9: Innovative demonstration projects.

The total level of funding allocated to Cavan Group Water Schemes under these measures is **€2,066,232**.

On 26th January 2026 Cavan County Council received notification from Department in regard to a number of schemes who had sought funding under Measure A2 namely, Water Treatment Provision, Improvements and Capital Replacement (existing private group water schemes). The projects for 8 Group Water Schemes in Cavan falling under this Measure entail proposed expenditure in region of €10.1M. The communication from the Department has indicated in all cases that the Expert Panel has conditionally recommended these applications in principle to progress. There are still some steps to be taken before exact confirmation on funding amounts will be confirmed. Cavan County Council has been in contact with the relevant schemes with a view to progressing the proposals.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2027-2029

The next cycle of the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme which will cover the three-year period 2027 to 2029 is due to be launched imminently. The Dept. opened the programme to submissions for funding in late July 2026. Cavan County Council have engaged with all schemes on this new MARWP providing them with the detail of the programme and holding one to one online workshops with the schemes, their employers' representatives and the national federation of group water schemes. An internal deadline of Friday 16th October has been set for receipt of submissions from schemes by Cavan County Council. The council will continue to engage with schemes in the interim to advise on submissions and provide any clarifications needed, engaging with Dept. if need be to this end Cavan Council will make submissions accompanied by

any required supporting reports from Council to Dept. via new online Portal in advance of national closing date for receipt of submissions.

Operation & Maintenance Contracts – Group Water Schemes

Of the 24 Private Group Water Schemes in Cavan 23 are operated under Operation & Maintenance, (O & M), Contracts. There is one scheme currently operating their plant independently. One further scheme has a stand-alone O & M contract in place. The other 22 schemes are engaged in contracts which were deployed as 'bundled' contracts to cover East Cavan, West Cavan and Southwest Cavan. These O & M contracts which were initially executed as 20-year contracts are now at an end or approaching the end of contract period. In the short term these contracts will be extended until Q3/Q4 2028 approximately. The Dept. has previously engaged consultants to identify the appropriate contract model/format for new contracts going forward and subsequently to prepare tender packages which can be deployed in order to complete in procurement for next set of contracts. The Dept. is hopeful that this initial phase will be complete in Q1 2026 and that the process of putting new O & M contracts can be rolled out with a view to having these in place in regard to the Cavan schemes by Q3 2028. It is anticipated that the next phase of O & M contracts will be for a ten-year duration.

Well Grants - Well Grants applications continue to be submitted and there has been an increase in the number of applications since the announcement of an updated well grant fund scheme.

Well grants totalling **€332,771.26** have been issued to applicants with **€141,754.41** of that issued since January 2023. These amounts have been recouped in full, from the Department.

Revised Lead Remediation Grant

The funding scheme has been in existence since 2016 and The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have revised the eligibility criteria for The Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme with effect from 1 December 2022 and is being administered by Cavan County Council on behalf of the Department.

The aim of the grant is to assist households with the cost of replacing lead pipes and fittings within the boundaries of the property. The grant is available if you receive a water supply from either a public or private water supplier.

The cost of works must exceed €750. The level of grant aid available is determined on the basis of 100% of the approved cost of the works, subject to a maximum of €5,000.

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Training — Training continued for the summer months of July and August. The full Autumn schedule will start in September with a range of courses and Management Development programmes scheduled covering a variety of topics. Courses are available to book on LEO Cavan's website and are promoted on our social media channels and newsletter.

Mentoring Programme – 35 mentoring assignments have been approved in July and August to date, primarily in the areas of business strategy, finance, sales, marketing and new product development.

Cavan Women in Business Network – The next network meeting will take place on 15th October to mark National Women's Enterprise Day and will be an evening event in The Farnham Estate. The network will be joined by a number of guest speakers on the evening.

Cavan Dublin Business Network – The next network meeting will take place on 23rd September in "Chartered Accountants House", Dublin 2. The event will provide valuable networking opportunities, promote Cavan as a place to do business and showcase a number of interesting new businesses coming out of LEO Cavan. The event is kindly sponsored by the successful Cavan based company Fire Doors Ireland.

Virginia Show – Local Enterprise Office Cavan attended Virginia Show on 19th August with our colleagues from Created in Cavan, This is Cavan and Geopark team. There was a great attendance at the show and gave potential clients the opportunity to engage with LEO staff and receive relevant information on the supports available through our office. 8 Created In Cavan network members availed of subsidised trade stand rates giving them the opportunity to promote local produce at the event.

National Ploughing Championships 2026 - will provide an opportunity for William Ebbitt of JE Engineering Ltd to showcase his new invention, a mobility lift which will allow farmers to enter & exit their tractors and other high machinery with ease as part of the Local Enterprise Village. The Village features over 30 small businesses and start-ups, one from each Local Enterprise Office region, and is expected to be viewed by more than 250,000 visitors attending the championships.

Ongoing client facilitation – referral, signposting and one-to-one meetings continue both in person and via phone or online.

Energy Efficiency Grant – LEO Cavan approved 8 applications in July & August 2026.

Green for Business – LEO Cavan approved 1 application in July.

Financial Assistance – LEO Cavan recently approved 1 financial application for grant assistance which will grow the enterprise employment base for years to come. The businesses will use the funding towards employment, consultancy and research & development costs.

Created In Cavan Food & Drink Network - The "Summer Cottage Market" was held 18th & 19th July at Con Smith Park. This lively, family-friendly event provided local artisan food and craft producers with a valuable platform to showcase their creations. Organised by "The Cottage Market, Cavan," it was supported by the Created in Cavan Food & Drink Network, This Is Cavan, Cavan Sports Partnership, Active Travel team. The vibrant atmosphere was enhanced by live performances from local musicians.

Plans for a “Cavan Town Food Tour” are ongoing. The initiative will offer curated, guided experiences that showcase the county’s diverse food and drink producers, eateries and artisan businesses. Participants will visit selected venues and sample a wide range of locally made products. These tours are being developed as an engaging and repeatable tourism offering that combines storytelling, heritage and local produce, while highlighting the quality underpinning the “Created in Cavan” brand and driving increased footfall for local businesses.

Lidl Kickstart - Two members of the Created in Cavan Food & Drink Network, Cully’s Craft Bakery and Moran’s Mega Jam, have been selected for the Lidl Kickstart Supplier Development Programme 2026.

The programme, which is celebrating its 10th year, supports emerging Irish food and drink producers by providing a platform to showcase their products nationwide. As part of the initiative, products from 22 Irish suppliers, including Cully’s renowned batch loaf and Moran’s Mega Jam range, will be available in Lidl’s 235 stores across Ireland from 10 September as part of a two-week promotional campaign. This achievement highlights the quality and innovation of Cavan’s food producers and their growing presence in the national marketplace.

A “Thinking of Starting Your Own Food or Drink Business” workshop is scheduled for Wednesday 9th September. The workshop supports aspiring entrepreneurs by providing practical guidance on business start-up, food safety, legal requirements, routes to market and opportunities within the local food sector.

Latvian Links - Staff from the Local Enterprise Office attended a meeting on 30th July with the Latvian Ambassador to Ireland, **Juris Štālmeistars**, and the Irish Ambassador to Latvia, **Marcella Smyth**, at the IKON Centre in Kingscourt.

The event featured valuable contributions from local companies **Kingspan, KYTE Powertech and ABCON**, which shared their experiences of doing business in Latvia. Discussions highlighted the strong commercial links and growing business opportunities between Ireland and Latvia.

Both Ambassadors emphasised the potential for increased collaboration between the two countries and expressed their willingness to support and facilitate future business connections and partnerships.

Cavan Craft Collective – LEO Cavan, in partnership with the Cavan Craft Collective, secured €2,500 in funding through the Creative Communities initiative to deliver a programme of events as part of August Craft Month. The programme included a craft exhibition, talks and workshops, which took place from 6th - 9th August at the 7 Oaks Cafe, Cavan.

Officially opened by Cathaoirleach Cllr Carmel Brady, the exhibition attracted more than 250 visitors, providing significant exposure for the Cavan Craft Collective and its members. The event also generated strong online engagement, with the network’s social media following increasing by 25% during the exhibition period and content reaching over 28,000 views across social media platforms.

Kilkenny Design Makers Academy - Cavan Craft Collective member "The Family Silver" has been selected as one of just 25 makers nationwide to participate in the inaugural Kilkenny Design Makers Academy, a new initiative delivered by Kilkenny Design in partnership with the Local Enterprise Offices. Chosen from over 200 applicants, The Family Silver’s selection is a significant achievement and recognition of the quality, creativity, and innovation behind the business. Specialising in bespoke personalised jewellery, including fingerprint, handwriting, Ogham, family crest, and children’s artwork designs, The Family Silver transforms cherished memories into unique handcrafted pieces. Participation in the Makers Academy will provide valuable mentoring, skills development, and industry insights, helping the business to further grow its brand and contribute to the future of Irish design and craftsmanship under the New Irish Energy initiative.

Cavan Digital Hub – LEO Cavan continues to promote Cavan Digital Hub and provide business supports where appropriate and collaborates with the Digital Hub in its promotional and marketing activities throughout the year.

Cavan Digital Hub is a member of the Connected Hubs Network, an initiative Department of Rural & Community Development and delivered by the Western Development Commission.



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