



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 March to 31st March, 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: 9 Units.

4 Units at Slí na Coille, Belturbet.

5 Units at Radharc na Beairice, Kilnaleck:

The Councils current new build programme consists of 21No. housing schemes for 362 Units, at various stages of planning, design, and construction.

10No. Schemes for 136 Units are currently under construction.

11 Units at Pairc na Cairéal, Cootehill:

Units area under construction and due for completion in Q1'2026.

45 Units at Páirc na Teile, Bailieborough:

Construction is on-going and these units are due to be completed in Q2'2026.

9 Units at Ashgrove Court, Ballyjamesduff:

Construction is on-going and these units are due to be completed in Q2'2026.

8 Units at Clós Chill na Leice, Kilnaleck:

Construction is on-going and these units are due to be completed in Q2'2026.

5 Units at Radharc na Beairice, Kilnaleck:

Construction is on-going and these units are due to be completed in Q1'2026.

13 Units at Chapel Lane, Town Centre, Cootehill

Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q3'2026.

7 Units at “The Palais”, Belturbet:

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.

10 Units at Coolkill, Kilnaleck:

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

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

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

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

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

11 No. Schemes for 226 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.

12 Units at Derrylurgan Court, Ballyjamesduff:

The Architect Led Design Team is appointed and preliminary design is underway.

It is expected that a Stage 2 Submission will be made to the Department in Q1'2026.

44 Units at Lios na Rí, Munnilly, Cootehill:

Tender documentation for the construction stage is currently being prepared.

20 Units at Crossdoney Road, Ballinagh:

Stage 1 approval has been received from the Department.

The next stage is to prepare documentation for the Part 8 Planning Process.

10 Units at Clankee Court, Shercock;

Approval in Principle received from the Department.

Contract documentation is due to be signed on 5 March.

20 Units at Kells Road, Kingscourt:

Site acquisition is complete and contract documents for an Architect led Design Team are currently being prepared.

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.

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

64 Units, Riverpark, Swellan, Cavan: Respond.

These 64 Units are to be delivered in Q4'2026.

1.4 Programme of Works to Vacant Units

In 2026, **17No.** vacant units have 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

Work is on-going returning a further **33No.** vacant units back to use.

- 12 Breffni Court Toam Blacklion

- 25 Breffni Court Toam Blacklion
- Lacken Lower, Ballinagh
- 8 Railway Road, Killeshandra
- 11 Tycusker, Arva
- 8 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar
- Rahardrum, Virginia.
- 2 John Paul Avenue, Cavan
- 2 Fay Crescent, Belturbet
- 26 Fay Crescent, Belturbet
- Moylett, Bailieborough
- 17 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar
- 1 Stranamorth, Blacklion
- Bridge View, Virginia.
- 18 Chapel Lane, Cootehill
- 6 Furnaceland Swanlinbar
- 14 Glenview Ballyjamesduff
- 1 Church View
- 7 Carraig Beg Lisdarn
- Cara, Stradone
- 19 Owen Roe
- 2 Stradone Village
- 9 Rathdrum Virginia
- 4 Lough View Cavan
- 29 Killymooney
- 4 Tycusker Arva
- 2 Stranamorth Blacklion
- 38 Tullacmongan, Cavan
- 1 Elm Grove, Cavan
- Monelta, Stradone
- 17 Glenview, Ballyjamesduff
- 61 College Street, Cavan.
- 16 Breffni Terrace, Cavan

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

This scheme was launched in July 2022, it was expanded in November 2022 and again in May 2023. The following expansion of the scheme came into effect on 01 May 2023:

- 1) The inclusion of one property which will be made available for rent;
- 2) Changed property eligibility date to include properties built up to/ including 2007;
- 3) Increased maximum grant for vacant properties to €50,000 & €70,000.

- Total number of Applications received to date

- Number of Applications to provide further information 33
- Number of Applications approved in principle to date 437
- Number of Grants Applications Paid to Date 142

1.6 2025 Private Housing Adaption Grants

Summary 2025 @ 31.03.2026

Following requests for additional funding, **Cavan County Council received for 2025 a total combined allocation of €3,816,862 from the DHLGH**, with the Council providing a 15/20% contribution of **€762,469**. This funding allowed the Housing Department to issue payments on **455 grant applications**, comprising both previously approved applications and Priority 1 cases. This is nearly double the amount of 239 grant applications paid in 2024.

The Council's contribution of €762,469 is a significant overspend on what was budgeted for 2025 ie €450,000. This overspend was required in order to meet our commitments.

Going forward into 2026 we have budgeted €500,000 which will allow a total spend of €3.3mil for 2026. Our commitment to date is at €1.8mil with a further €1mil awaiting approval. We will be monitoring the grant spend closely to ensure there is no overspend in 2026.

We have yet to received 2026 allocation for the private housing grant scheme.

Expenditure at 31.03.2026

Grants paid	(old scheme)	11	111,140
	(new scheme)	21	273,628
In process of payment	(old scheme)	0	0
	(new scheme)	5	67,853
Approved	(old scheme)	2	38,000
	(new scheme)	93	1,141,092

The total committed expenditure at 31.03.2026 is €1,631,713

2025 Allocation

	85% Dept Funding	15% Cavan CC	Total Amount
Initial 2025 Allocation	€1,862,107	€328,607	€2,190,714

Additional Funding received July.	€251,130	€44,349	€295,479
Additional Funding received Oct.	€987,244	€174,219	€1,161,463
Additional Funding received November.	€143,825	€25,381	€169,206
		Total Allocation to Date	<u>€3,816,862</u>

2. Roads & Transportation

Road Design.

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 are the Council's 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 have been completed; however, the contractor's reporting is still ongoing and is not yet fully completed.

Biodiversity and associated environmental habitat surveys, such as bat, 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. Barn owl surveys to be carried out in April / May 2026.

Noise, Air, Topographical and Archaeological Geophysical Surveys are complete, however some validation surveys will be carried out in 2026.

An Agronomist working on behalf of Barry Transportation has carried out farm interviews. These interviews will 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.

Technical advisors continue to refine the design based on inputs from the various disciplines, including structures, drainage, traffic modelling, active travel, heritage (including archaeology), and the various environmental and biodiversity specialists working on the scheme.

An 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 must be prepared and submitted to TII for review and feedback before seeking government departmental approval/consent to advance the scheme. The preparation of the Preliminary Business Case is currently in progress and is expected to be submitted to TII in 2026.

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

N55 Realignment (Corduff to South of Killydoon)

Section A:

Section A involved a 3.2 km realignment of the N55 at two distinct locations south of Ballinagh. The scheme reached Substantial Completion in late 2018, with the Defects Certificate issued in November 2023.

Cavan County Council continues to liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the appointed consultants (Roughan & O'Donovan) regarding the completion of deliverables for the Handover and Close-Out Phase of the scheme. The Final Statement Report and Project Closeout Report were submitted to TII for review in Q1 2025. Following TII's review and the issue of comments, significant revisions were required to ensure compliance with updated TII requirements. Cavan County Council has worked closely with the Consultant to address these revisions.

The updated documentation, which had been under detailed review in late 2025, was finalised to incorporate all comments received from TII. During the previous reporting period, the revised deliverables were subsequently reviewed by Cavan County Council and forwarded to TII for further review and comment ahead of making the formal submission. TII advised during the period that the documentation remains under review. Subject to the outcome of the review and any TII feedback received, a formal submission will be made for Phase 7 approval allowing the project to be formally closed out – expected Q2 2026.

Section B (Ballytrust to Mullahoran)

Section B involves a 3.7 km realignment of the N55 immediately south of Section A. The scheme is currently at Phase 6 (Construction & Implementation) of the TII Project Management Guidelines. The construction contract was awarded to Clare Civil Engineering Ltd on 21st December 2022, with site works commencing on 30th January 2023. The contract duration was 24 months.

Substantial Completion: was certified by the Employer's Representative on 13th December 2024, ahead of the contractual date of 18th December 2024.

The Contractor completed outstanding works in Sept and Oct 2025. Minor landscaping works and snagging continue to be addressed.

Defects Period: The original Defects period as per the CI9.6 'Substantial Completion' expired on the 13 December 2025, however to allow for the amount of outstanding & instructed works completed in October 2025, the ER in accordance with subclause 8.6.2 extended the Defects Notification Period until 30 September 2026.

Road Safety Audit: The RSA Stage 3 Part (ii) site visit has been completed. During the period one additional instruction issued to the Contractor for minor snagging associated with an RSA item. Once complete, the Designer will finalise the RSA feedback and issue it to the Auditor and Employer for sign-off.

Supervision and Handover: RPS Consulting Engineers continue to provide services in accordance with their contract and are currently liaising with CCC in relation to the preparation of the required Phase 7 deliverables.

Land Acquisition: Conveyancing is ongoing in the recently agreed Case 07. Signed agreements remain outstanding in 1 no. case (Ref 11) – CCC sought update from landowner's legal reps during the period and await a response.

Residual Road Network Repairs: Details of proposed works to address the old N55 route were previously submitted to and agreed with TII and works completed in October 2025.

Archaeological Services Contract: The draft story map received by CCC in the previous period has been reviewed and comments returned to Project Archaeologist for action by ACSU. Once finalised it will be loaded onto the Digital Repository of Ireland and the Archaeology contract can then be deemed complete.

N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme:

Phase 0 (Strategic Assessment Report) was completed in Quarter 2 of 2023, with TII approval to proceed to Phase 1 granted in July 2023. In September 2024, Sweco Ireland Ltd was appointed as Technical Consultants by Cavan County Council under a 45-month contract to progress the scheme through Phases 1 to 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines. A start-up meeting was held on 2nd October 2024.

The Scheme is currently in Phase 2 – Options Selection.

Progress:

The Scheme is currently in Phase 2 Option Selection. Design Team meetings between Cavan County Council and Sweco continue to be held bi-weekly, with the latest meeting on Tuesday 24th March 2026. During the reporting period a Phase 2 Workshop was held on 03rd March 2026 with CCC and Sweco to review the Stage 1 assessment outcomes. After completion of the Stage 2 assessment a Preferred Option will be selected.

Public Engagement

Two rounds of public consultation have been completed. The first focused on the study area and generated 14 submissions. The second, which included an in-person event in Ballinagh Community Centre in November 2025, received 22 submissions. All feedback from both rounds has been reviewed and is being incorporated into the Stage 2 assessment and the preparation of the Options Report.

Following selection of the Preferred Option and formal completion of the Options Report, a Public Display will be held to inform the public and stakeholders of the Preferred Option.

Works ongoing:

- Analysis of traffic survey data and development of traffic models (advanced).
- Preparation of the Options Report, including methodology and background assessments (draft anticipated early May 2026).
- Continued refinement of alignment designs
- Ongoing environmental, geotechnical and constraints validation to support Stage 2 & 3 assessment.

Phase 2 is anticipated to be completed in Q2 2026.

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 works 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 toward submitting a Part 8 planning application in mid-2026 while simultaneously preparing the associated CPO documentation. Following the public consultation phase of the Part 8 process, stakeholders will have an opportunity to make submissions for consideration. Subject to successful advancement through planning, approval of the CPO, TII approval & funding - construction works are tentatively scheduled to commence in 2027.

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 is planned to commence in April 2026.

NP/NS Retrofit Fencing 2026

Cavan County Council will identify sites along the National Road Network in 2026 that are suitable for retrofit works and will seek TII funding and approvals to continue this work.

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 will continue to engage with TII regarding the identification and delivery of EPS sites on the national road network for inclusion in the 2026 programme.

The following sites have been identified and will be subject to TII budgets and approvals.

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

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 published recently with a return date of 26th March.

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 Roads -Appraisal Guidelines.

An allocation of €250,000 was provided by the DOT in 2026 for the scheme and discussions are ongoing at present with the department in relation to the provision of consultants for the project.

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. 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.

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 Baileborough at Carrickgorman, Co. Cavan.	€45,000
R194	R194 North of Finnea at Carrick, Co. Cavan.	€45,000
R191	R191 South of Baileborough at Relagh Beg, Baileborough, Co. Cavan	€40,000
R165	R165 West of Baileborough, Co. Cavan.	€35,000
R165	R165 Main Street, Baileborough, 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 2025. There are 12 nr DOT bridge rehabilitation schemes proposed 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

Furthermore, upon receipt of funding allocations, Cavan County Council was advised of incentivised funding to carry out bridge inspections at a rate of €300 per inspection, providing a potential allocation of up to €50,000.

On Wednesday, 7th January 2026, significant damage occurred at Curratraw Bridge, resulting in the partial collapse of the masonry parapet and spandrel wall and creating a serious road safety hazard. Following a detailed structural assessment, the Roads Design Office determined that emergency remedial repair works were required.

Cavan County Council prioritised these works to minimise disruption to the public and engaged with a specialist bridge contractor McCabe Group to facilitate the prompt commencement of reconstruction works. Bridge repair works commenced on 27 January 2026 and are now substantially complete.

Bailieboro/Coothehill MD has notified Road design of 2 number bridges with parapet damage namely Clements bridge and Ouley bridge. Road Design engaged with contractor McCabe Group and repair works are now complete.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 1 which consists of Monaghanoose bridge & Millstream bridge went out to tender on 09th of February with a return date of 24th of February and this contract has been awarded to McCabe Group. These bridges are both box culvert replacements and Section 50 consent for both these structures has been obtained and construction works are due to commence in May.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 2 which consists of Old bridge, Lavey bridge, Drumroragh bridge and Treehoo Cross bridge went out to tender on 25th of February with a return

date of 11th of March and this contract has been awarded to Truir Construction with works due to commence in May.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 3 which consists of Bellaboy bridge, Crosskey bridge, Garvalt Upper bridge and Termon Double Clapper bridge is currently at design stage and is due to go out to tender in early April.

Local Improvement Schemes

The council was notified in February of an allocation of €527,400 from the DRCD for Local Improvement Schemes in 2026.

2.5 Active Travel

Cavan County Council received €3,525,000 from the NTA for Active Travel projects in 2025. There are 18 project schemes in total. Several of the schemes continued from previous years into 2025.

Cootehill - Station Rd, Active Travel Scheme

The project is being delivered in four sections.

Phase 1 is now substantially complete, with only the filter island to be completed at the Dairybrae junction. This phase delivers the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative at St. Michael's National Primary School, incorporating a 2.5-metre-wide cycle lane, a 2-metre-wide footpath, and localised footpath infill improvements. Enhanced pedestrian crossings have also been installed at the school.

Phase 2 has received approval from the National Transport Authority (NTA) and will extend the scheme from Cootehill Livestock Mart to Coragh View housing estate. This works are at an advanced stage with completion expected in quarter 2 2026.

Phase 3 which involves more complex design and safety considerations, received NTA approval to proceed with consultant engagement. It was tendered through the NTA Consultant Framework, with Tobins awarded the contract. Cavan County Council has held a pre-commencement meeting, carried out a site inspection, and preliminary design work is underway. This phase includes the realignment of the R191/R192 junction and the delivery of the SRTS scheme at St. Aidan's Secondary School.

Phase 4 extends from St. Michael's Church to the courthouse. Cavan County Council met with the NTA Project Manager and agreed on the provision of a shared path along this section. The drawings have been approved by the NTA and this scheme is ready to go to Section 38 and Tender process. Cavan County Council has also engaged with An Post regarding a minor land take (23 sq. m) required at a pinch point. An Post's are in agreement in principal to Cavan County Council requiring the area required to widen footpath at the pinch point.

Bus Station to Cavan Hospital Active Travel Scheme

Cavan County Council has procured design services through the NTA Consultants Framework for a project focused on enhancing cycleways and footpaths between Cavan General Hospital, the roundabout, and Cavan Town Bus Station. Tobins was awarded the contract and options are being developed for the most appropriate active travel infrastructure. The project includes the development of new footpaths and a dedicated cycle track along the R212 and R198, significantly improving connectivity between the hospital, nearby residential and commercial areas, and the town centre. It will also establish a direct link to Phase 1 of the Cavan Urban Greenway (completed in 2020) and align with the forthcoming Phase 2. A workshop was held with Tobins, NTA and CNCC 27th March and it was agreed to proceed in 2 sections. Section 1 is being reviewed by the NTA and it is intended to go to Section 38 and tender in the coming weeks. A traffic model is being carried out on the roundabout junction at the Bus Station to determine the best layout for all end-users.

Loreto school to Cavan Town Active Travel Scheme

Sections 1 and 2 of the project have been successfully delivered, creating a continuous and safe active travel corridor from John Sullivan Nursing Home to the junction at St. Felim's Hospital. These sections involved the delivery of new footpaths, dedicated cycle lanes, and enhanced pedestrian infrastructure, significantly improving connectivity and safety for all users.

Section 3 from St. Felim's Hospital to Cullies Roundabout which included upgrades to pedestrian and cycling facilities, junction improvements and road safety enhancements was substantially completed in December 2025.

Section 4 is at the preliminary design stage, with the design work being undertaken in-house by Cavan County Council's engineering team. This section will incorporate widened footpaths, new pedestrian crossings, and raised, segregated cycle lanes. A workshop took place with the NTA on the 26th March and some adjustments are to be made to the roundabout layout and overall masterplan.

Cavan Urban Greenway

OCSC is currently progressing Phase 3 of the Cavan Urban Greenway Phase 2 project. This phase involves the development of a walking and cycling trail connecting the newly developed greenway at Cavan General Hospital to Farnham Street and/or Railway Road/Farnham Road in Cavan town centre. The proposed route will feature a shared-use surfaced path approximately 3 to 4 metres wide, complemented by landscaping, signage, and associated amenities. The scheme is being developed in accordance with the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways, enhancing both the natural and built environment for residents and visitors.

Northwest Geotech Ltd has been appointed to carry out ground investigations, following a competitive tender process. A detailed landowner report has also been completed to support formal negotiations with affected parties. Structural engineers are currently assessing design solutions for the high embankment section that runs through the mart along the old railway line. Preliminary drawings are being prepared to facilitate discussions with landowners and to finalise the proposed entry point at R198 Hospital Road.

Environmental specialists are undertaking screening and a full suite of ecological surveys to inform both the planning and design stages. OCSC will also provide a provisional timeline for the Part 8 Planning process, which is currently targeted for Quarter 1 2026. CNCC have completed cross sections of the high section of the route and possible realignment, this information has been sent to OCSC to assist them in their structural design and support the emerging preferred route.

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 has been agreed for Killygarry N.S. and the tender documents have been agreed with Cavan County Council and the NTA and the scheme is out to tender. It is intended to go to construction during the Summer Holidays.

SRTS Round 3 - Mullahoran NS. HSRR

The delivery plan has been agreed for Mullahoran N.S. There has been communication between the NTA and Cavan County Council on the most pragmatic solution for the front of boundary treatment at the school as Cavan County Council will be the end user. Another meeting is scheduled with the NTA to finalise the design and intention to go out to tender as soon as agreement reached.

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

Cavan County Council has prepared a draft layout for the scheme, incorporating elements from the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Delivery Plan, as advised by the SRTS officer and the school principal. Tobin Consulting Engineers are working on the design options and have visited the site to determine the best design solution.

SRTS Round 3 - Saint Patrick's National School

This scheme is being designed in house by Cavan County. The drawings have been sent to the NTA for approval to proceed to Phase 6 – construction stage, some comments have returned and CCC are making the slight adjustments and this scheme will go out to tender on www.supplygov.ie.

R4 SRTS Scoil mhuire NS Swanlinbar

Cavan County Council will meet the SRTS Infrastructure Officer on site to review and agree the delivery plan.

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. Tobins 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.

A presentation on the draft LTP was given to elected representatives in December 2025 with the intention of commencing public consultation in quarter 2 2026.

Virginia - Rampart River footbridge Active Travel Measures

AECOM Consulting Engineers have been appointed by Cavan County Council to provide consultancy services for the River Rampart Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge as part of the Virginia Active Travel Scheme. The project is funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA), and AECOM's role encompasses Phases 2 to 4 of the NTA Project Approval Guidelines. The scheme involves the development of a new shared pedestrian and cycle bridge over the River Rampart in Virginia, Co. Cavan.

Project Objectives

- Enhance connectivity in an east-west direction across the River Rampart within Virginia Town, promoting a shift towards active travel.
- Reduce short-trip vehicular traffic within the town centre.
- Facilitate sustainable movement patterns in Virginia by offering greater transport mode options.
- Improve safety by separating vulnerable road users from vehicular traffic, reducing conflict points and risks.

- Activate the riverside area for pedestrians, cyclists, walkers, and patrons of local businesses such as cafes and restaurants.

Progress to Date

- AECOM is finalising the preliminary design drawings following feedback from Cavan County Council and the National Transport Authority.
- A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been completed.
- Planners are liaising with council planners regarding Part 8 Planning, focusing on the required Appropriate Impact Assessment (AIA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports.
- A draft Section 50 Application for the River Rampart Bridge has been completed but will remain in draft status until planning consent is obtained, as per OPW requirements.
- A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been prepared to accompany the planning application, demonstrating progress towards environmental compliance.
- AECOM are working on the preliminary design drawings and reflecting the report to the drawings, identifying the full extent of future and potential permeability and connectivity links. AECOM are preparing drawings at the moment to reflect and detail the various permeability routes.

After a joint National Transport Authority/Cavan County Council meeting, a follow-up is planned with AECOM to ensure strategic connectivity benefits of the pedestrian link bridge are addressed. AECOM must further explore additional permeability links and confirm their feasibility. Cavan County Council will review these aspects to ensure strategic connectivity objectives are met. The National Transport Authority has allocated €50,000 to this project for 2026.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

National Transport Authority's (NTA) objective is to promote and grow public transport in Ireland and provide ease of access for people using public transport. This involves providing standardised stop identification through the installation of new TFI (Transport for Ireland) Bus Stop Poles, clear demarcations for buses to stop, and improving existing infrastructure as required, in line with standards and guidelines. The active travel team are working with the NTA to deliver improvements to a number of bus stops in the county in 2026.

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 advance this phase, with consultants actively developing the preliminary design. A small section of the route required additional topographical surveying, which has been successfully completed in-house to inform the design process. Geological investigations have also been completed. CCC have met with some landowners and will meet with remaining stakeholders over the next few weeks to advance the scheme.

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 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.

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 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.

Discussions are ongoing with the TII in relation to the progression of a new tender process for Phases 1-2 to best utilise the available funding to ensure the project continues to advance in a meaningful and effective manner in 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 are expected to commence on site in the coming weeks. All landowners impacted by the works will be contacted in advance of any works commencing by the project team.

The Hydrology Report for the scheme has now been finalised and this element is complete. A meeting was held between the consultants and the project steering group prior to updating the Baseline Hydraulics report. Agreement was reached on a number of outstanding items and it is expected that this milestone will be finalised once the next revision is submitted.

Options Development is now ongoing. Ayesa have compiled information on the areas of flood risk and potential defence options measures for those areas. Modelling of measures will now be undertaken to advance these options further.

Environmental 'top-up' surveys for Bats, Otters, Breeding Birds and Aquatic Ecology are now being considered for completion during 2026. Scopes of works for these surveys as well as for invasive species treatment are currently being compiled and will be tendered in the coming months

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 CCC 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.

Asbestos survey and reporting have been completed. Additional SI works to inform the design has been scoped, procured and works will commence on site early Q2 2026.

Procurement of invasive species and ecological surveys is also completed with both surveys scheduled to be completed by mid Q2 2026.

Stage 1 of the pre-qualification process for building contractors has commenced through etenders/OJEU. Deadline for submissions for this element of the contract is 8th April 2026.

3.0 MD Updates

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Cavan Belturbet MD

Current Works:

- Drainage Maintenance works
- Geopark Maintenance Works
- Horticultural Works Cavan Town and Environs
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Severe Weather Storm response call outs and clean up as needed

Bailieborough - Cootehill MD

Current Works:

- Drainage Maintenance works
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Severe Weather Storm response call outs and clean up as needed

Ballyjamesduff MD

Current Works:

- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Road Gully cleaning programme complete
- Severe Weather Storm response call outs and clean up as needed

3. Environment and Waste Management

3.1 Dog Warden Service

- Number of dog complaints received February - 11
- Number of Dog Licences issued March – 424 up to 29/03/2026 (417 Annual & 7 Lifetime Licences).

3.2 Litter Management/Enforcement

- 1 No. complaints (Litter only) recorded for March 2026
- 1 No. Litter Fines issued during the period

3.3 Parking Control, Environmental Awareness & Education and Litter Prevention

- Successful National Tree Week run from 8th to 15th March 2026. 200 native saplings were distributed to, and planted by, a number of Community and Tidy Towns Groups throughout County Cavan.
- Green Schools renewal visits continued throughout March, and subsequent reports sent to An Taisce for Green Flags.
- European Recycling Platform - Batteries for Barretstown –all schools partaking in the Green Schools programme contacted to encourage participation in 'Batteries for Barretstown'
- European Recycling Platform – St Patricks giant 'Trash EEE-lk' made from recycled electrical items promoted on Cavan County Council social media. This 4m high and 3.5m wide structure will be on display in St Patrick's Park over the St Patrick's festival period.
- Cavan Tidy Towns, Shercock Tidy Towns and Killeshandra Tidy Towns all received awards at the Regional Tidy Towns Awards on 23rd March.
- Community Wardens supported the St Patrick's Day Parade.

3.4 Waste Enforcement March 2026

Month	Inspection Type	Number Completed
Mar 2026	No. of Waste Facility Permit inspections	11
Mar 2026	Hazardous Waste (<i>inc. Suspected PCB site inspections</i>)	5
Mar 2026	Unauthorised ATF Inspections under ELV Regs	2
Mar 2026	No. of Other Routine than previous (WFP/COR Pre Appl & Historic Landfills & Bring Banks)6.1.16	60
Mar 2026	Unauthorised C&D (sites no permit)	5
Mar 2026	ART27 Inspections (By-product Regulations)	3
Mar 2026	Other non-routine Insp COR/WFP Pre Ap	1
Mar 2026	Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions	3
Mar 2026	Inspections (env) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission	10
	Total No inspection for Waste Management	100

3.5 Total Number of people using Civic Amenity Sites (February)

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 2599

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 1166

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 754

Figures for March are not available yet and will be included in April CE report.

3.6 Total Number of Materials Recycled at Civic Amenity Sites tonnes (101.995)

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 52.221

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 27.515

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 22.259

Figures for February are not available yet and will be included in March CE report

3.7 Bring centres

Total amount of materials recycled at 31 bring Centres February – 161.9 Tonnes

Figures for February not available yet and will be included in March CE report.

3.8 Planning Application

- 37 planning reports including FI assessment reports provided by Environment element of Section to Planning Section in March 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)

- 2 queries relating to grant applications for septic tanks.
- 1 Certificate of Compliance issued for NIP DWWA.
- Liaising with Monaghan County Council regarding an NIP inspection
- Scheduling meeting to collaborate with Monaghan County Council on citizen engagement campaign
- HSOCA grant information added to Cavan County Council Intranet Homepage.
- Article provided to communications officer on available grants for local print media and social media.

3.10 Discharge Licences

- 3 letters issued regarding compliance status
- Engagement with new management company relating to a discharge licence
- Engagement with new lab and courier regarding sampling procedures
- Commenced input to discharge licence activity tracker

3.11 Water, Air and Noise Complaints

- 1 Section 12 extension request
- 2 Water pollution complaints closed
- 13 Inspections of premises following pollution complaint received
- 13 letters issued relating to water pollution complaints

3.12 Farm Inspections

- 2 farm re-inspections undertaken
- 1 compliance letter issued following re-inspection
- 1 Enforcement letter issued following NAIP inspection
- 2 cross reports to DAFM
- 6 farm initial inspections undertaken
- 3 outfarm farm inspections undertaken
- 2 compliance letters following on from inspections
- 22 farm inspection notice letters issued to farmers in Blackwater Kells 070 catchment
- 20 farm Inspection notice letters issued to farmers in Blackwater Kells 060 catchment

3.13 Water Monitoring

- 30 THM drinking water group water scheme samples
- 6 Group water scheme check samples taken
- 4 emails issued to HSE regarding non compliant results
- 6 emails issued to Group Water Schemes regarding non-compliant results
- 3 NDMA samples taken
- 1 Drinking water shortfall report completed and uploaded on EDEN
- 18 River and Lake samples taken

3.14 Air

- Monthly Air Quality Bulletin circulated on Cavan County Council's social media platforms.
- Air Quality article provided to communications officer for local print media and social media.
- Monthly check of Air Monitoring Station in Cavan Town undertaken.
- Monitoring of local media and social media for the illegal sale of solid fuel products.
- Air Quality video added to Cavan County Council social media platforms.

- 1 re-inspection at premises to check solid fuel compliant products on sale.
- 1 Petrol Vapour Emissions reminder letter issued
- 1 Vehicle Refinisher Cert issued
- CCC staff continue to participate in the National NIECE Air Enforcement Working Group
- PVE Stage 2 Regs information added to Cavan County Council website.

3.15 Energy Management

- Q1 Energy & Carbon Management Working Group Meeting
- Updated Climate Action MS Teams Tracker
- Review of monthly bills, compare & disseminate info.
- 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 for Cavan County Council's significant energy user buildings.
- Participation in Border Technical Pathfinder Meeting
- Presentation at National Energy Performance Officer meeting on behalf of the Border Region.
- Working with implementation of Energy Elephant platform to manage and monitor energy use.
- Input of CCC 2025 information on the SEAI Monitoring and Reporting Platform.

3.16 Climate Action

- Implemented Local Authorities Climate Action Plan with notable progress: 68 actions completed, 77 ongoing, 52 not started.
- Delivered key initiatives: Catchment Support Fund, Green Kilometre Scheme, and native tree distribution.

- Supported regional energy modelling work with Monaghan and Leitrim through a Pathfinder Project.
- Allocated €439,000 for community climate projects and ran Climate Action Week with 15 events and 600 participants.
- Delivered education and citizen science activities, including repair workshops, school biodiversity kits, and Scoot to School.
- Ran staff initiatives such as the Local Green Box, Green Team development, and the climate-themed drama “What Are We Eatin’ Anyways”.

3.17 Miscellaneous

- Progressing with LAWPro re various Cavan based initiatives including Aquatic Invasive Alien Species.
- 62 Letters issued to accommodation & water based sports clubs re. Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Completed EPA Characterisation Workshop for next cycle of the Water Framework Directive.
- River & Lake Water Framework Directive Monitoring programme ongoing.
- Working with LGMA and appointed contractors to implement new complaints management system
- EPA Meeting follow up on 2025 EPA Audit

4. Planning

March 2026	TOTAL	Cavan / Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill
Applications lodged				
(i) Valid	61	32	11	18
(ii) Invalid	14	11	2	1
Permission Determined	72	22	27	23
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	23	8	7	8
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	49	14	20	15
(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	77			
No. of grants	69	19	27	23
% of grants	96%			
No. of refusals	3	3	0	0
% of refusals	4%			
No. of extensions of duration lodged	1	0	0	1
No. of extensions of duration granted	3	1	1	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
Applications lodged				
(i) Valid	154	65	44	45
(ii) Invalid	39	22	10	7
Permission Determined	134	41	50	43
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	62	24	19	19
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	72	17	31	24
(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	77			
No. of grants	128	37	49	42
% of grants	95%			
No. of refusals	6	4	1	1
% of refusals	5%			

No. of extensions of duration lodged	4	0	2	2
No. of extensions of duration granted	3	1	1	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

Advisory Note:

1. Figures are for the period 27th Feb to 30th March 2026

5. Community & Enterprise

Rural Development/ Capital Projects

Large Capital Projects:

- **Cavan Regional Sports Campus**

The detailed design phase has concluded, 'Tender Action' phase is nearing completion. 'Approval to proceed to Tender' from LSSIF has been sought and awaiting approval. Contractor pre-qualification assessment (Stage 1 Tender) complete: Letters issued to successful/ unsuccessfully Contractors W/C 23/02/2026 (Standstill period has lapsed without any objections or legal challenges)

Stage 2 Tender pack nearing completion- due to be Published April 2026 (Subject to departmental gateway approval)

-SEUPB Project Board meetings took place on the 24/02/2025 & 24/03/2026

-Tender of integrated Design Team (Stage iv-v) assessment complete: Letters issued to successful/ unsuccessfully Consultant W/C 23/02/2026 (Standstill period has lapsed without any objections or legal challenges) Appointment of McAdam Design to follow for a contract fee of €898,500.

Advanced works underway :

- vegetation/ site clearance has been completed,
- planting works, mammal displacement accommodation works are complete, --geophysics complete
- archaeology complete except two localised excavations planned for April.
- ESB & EIR Diversion works ongoing
- Ecological mitigation works ongoing.

- **Ballyjamesduff Community and Enterprise Hub (RRDF):**

Department 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 and are progressing.

- **St Michael's Hall Community Centre, Cootehill RRDF:**

Department 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 (Craftstudio Architecture). Design is complete and tender is ready for publishing.

Pre-tender estimate aligns with the monies available- Gateway approval has been sought from DRCD and awaiting permission to release the tender.

Stage 1 Tender for the conservation, refurbishment and extension contractor has concluded and 6 contractors have been shortlisted.

The Stage 2 Tender will be published in April 2026, with works due to commence in June/ July of 2026.

PEACEPLUS Programme

Programme Update – March 2026

- The cross-border farming tender was readvertised on eTenders and eTenders NI the closing date is Monday 30th March 2026
- The **PEACEPLUS Partnership meeting was held on Thursday 19th March 2026.**
- **Current number of participants on PEACEPLUS projects is: 2,875**

Update on capital projects. March 2026

1. Ballyconnell - Bolster & Boom: Border Town Regeneration
 - Request from committee to remove lift, and to use funding to improve heating and comfort of building has been forwarded to SEUPB seeking approval
2. Cavan Rugby Club – Rugby for All
 - CRFC have self-appointed David Cullivan as their design team.
3. Cootehill Town Team – Dedicated Youth Space
 - Construction Tender complete.
 - Letter of intent issued to Sean Qyuigley Contracts Ltd.
4. Kingscourt Community Development assoc. Business Incubation Centre
 - Works will be commencing in April 2026.
5. Lavey Community Group - Multi Sport Development
 - Tender for construction release March 2026
6. Virginia RFC
 - Design team confirmed, currently preparing construction tender package.
 - Package to be posted to etenders and etendersNI in March 2026
7. Bailieborough Men's and Hen's Shed
 - Currently working with Bailieborough Men's and hens shed to prepare planning package for the approval of CCC planning department.

Outdoor Recreation & Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025

- Cavan County Council received funding approval in August 2025 in respect of 10 Measure 1 projects for 2024/2025.

- Under Measure 4 – Project Development Measure- Cavan Local Development Company received funding of €44,100 in respect of Loughanleagh & Muff Heritage Trails Development Feasibility study investigating potential of reintroducing the ‘Lake of the Cures’
- Under Measure 3 – Cavan County Council was granted funding of €500,000 in respect of Development of a Greenway Hub in Kingscourt with car parking and seating.

Playgrounds

- Cavan County Council submitted an application on 12th February 2026 for capital funding for upgrade works Arva Playground to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality. Awaiting Approval.

Municipal District Discretionary Scheme 2026

- This scheme is designed for larger scale, infrastructural and capital projects and the minimum grant aid payable is €3,000.
- Grants were allocated to 19 groups in the Ballyjamesduff Municipal District.
- Grants were allocated to 24 groups in the Bailieborough/Cootehill Municipal District
- Grants were allocated to 18 groups in the Cavan/Belturbet Municipal District.

Community and Voluntary 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. This scheme is aimed at groups who have limited fund raising opportunities and most grants awarded are in the region of €500.00. The maximum grant available is €2,000.
- These grants were advertised in the Anglo Celt and on our website on 18th March 2026. Closing date for receipt of applications is 10th April 2026 at 4pm

Festival Grants

- The Festival and Events Grant Scheme is to provide financial assistance to groups and organisations engaged in festivals or events at a local level. The emphasis of the scheme is

on providing funding for a diverse range of projects thus ensuring that the limited financial resources available are used to the maximum benefit of the community at large. The maximum grant available is €1,000.

- This grant scheme was advertised in the Anglo Celt and on our website on 18th March 2026. Closing date for receipt of applications is 10th April 2026 at 4pm.

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

This funding is for the Local Enhancement Programme 2026, launched by the Department on 3rd December 2025.

This total amount comprises of:

- €164,165.44 capital funding to use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc.

The closing date for receipt of applications was 27th February 2025 at 4 pm. These grants have been assessed and were presented to the LCDC March meeting on 25th March 2026

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025:

- Letter of offer and funding agreement was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht approving €949,250 under TVRS 2025 for the following projects in Co. Cavan. Kick-off meetings have been held with each of the groups.

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
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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 has launched the 2026 CLÁR Scheme. The 2026 programme will be delivered through separate Measures as follows:
- Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities.
Cavan County Council are currently seeking expressions of interest for Measure 1. The closing date for receipt of EOI applications is 5pm 25th May 2026.
- Measure 2: Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport
Completed applications for Measure 2 should be submitted directly to the Department of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht at CLAR@drcdg.gov.ie by 22nd May 2026.

Tourism

Marketing

- Online Spring promotional competition running on This is Cavan! social media throughout March.
- Ten Cavan businesses interviewed for short features online – to be published online in March / early April.
- Marketing plan for promotion and support of strategic festivals in County Cavan produced. Ongoing support for festivals and events via This is Cavan! events section on website and also across all This is Cavan! social media channels. Small grant received from Failte Ireland.
- New County Trails guide produced.
- Attendance by This is Cavan! at Failte Ireland learning journey experience
- Ten hero images of County Cavan to be featured in a photography exhibition showcasing the three twin towns of Cavan (Ireland), Peruwelz (Belgium), and Olesnica (Poland) – the exhibition will be held throughout the summer in the public garden of Jaunay-Marigny, France.

Product Development

- Design consultant appointed to deliver new tourist information panels in Cavan town (at courthouse and bus office).
- Progress made on delivery of Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) for Upper Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

Trade

- Industry representation at Pescare Fishing Show in Rimmi, Italy. Attendance by three members of trade from Cavan, Leitrim and Roscommon, supported by Cavan Tourism.
- Cavan Tourism annual trade survey developed and circulated to trade. Results available.

Works ongoing, in partnership with LAWPRO, in relation to funding to undertake a pilot study to remove a section of Nuttall's Pondweed (invasive species) from a section of Lough Oughter. Pilot study underway on Lough Oughter

Community Development Section

LCDC

- An LCDC meeting took place on the 25th March. Items on the agenda included, PEACEPLUS, Local Enhancement Programme 2026, Cavan PPN and Member Updates and the Review of the Local Economic & Community Plan.
- Nadine McCormilla, Co-ordinator, Cavan Sports Partnership delivered a presentation on the Cavan Sports Campus.

LEADER

- Cavan Local Action Group (LAG) in conjunction with Cavan Local Development Company received formal approval in respect of Cavan Local Development Strategy on 28th November 2023 to implement the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 with a budget of €6.4 million.
- A total of 139 Active Expressions of Interest has been received in respect of the LEADER Programme 2023-2027.
- The current LEADER Programme expenditure is €1,918,424.57 which is 40% of the budget leaving a balance of €2,859,404.68.

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.
- The Cavan County Council Age Friendly Interdepartmental team met on 2nd March 2026. Plans for 2026 were discussed including the creation of a new Age Friendly Strategy.
- Cavan Age Friendly Alliance met on 11th March 2026. Updates on the Age Friendly Strategy implementation were provided by lead agencies and a presentation on 'Lifelong Learning Opportunities for Older Adults' was delivered by Angela Kelly, Community Education Facilitator, CMETB.
- The Age Friendly Programme Manager, Joint Chairs of Cavan Older People's Council and Cavan's Age Friendly Ambassador attended the Annual Age Friendly Ambassador's Day in

Tralee on 4th March 2026. This event brought together representatives from across the country to examine how employers can respond to Ireland's changing demographics. Age Friendly Ireland's nationwide network of Ambassadors, gathered to discuss the theme of Age Friendly Workplaces and the practical steps needed to support longer working lives.

Traveller Interagency Group

- The Irish Traveller Movement's Yellow Flag Initiatives in Virginia College & Bailieborough Community School are nearing completion. The initiative is delivered by the Irish Traveller Movement and is funded by Cavan County Council. St Clare's Primary School in Ballyjamesduff have commenced the programme in 2025 their participation is also funded by Cavan County Council.

Cavan Disability Network

- The Senior Staff Officer attended a meeting of Cavan Disability Network on 10th March 2026. Accessibility issues were raised that will require further investigations. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th April 2026.

Connecting for Life

- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training continue to be rolled out in the County. There are also courses taking place online. Details of training are shared on Cavan County Council's website and social media.

Comhairle na nÓg

- The Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee meeting took place on Thursday 26th March 2026.
- A Service Level Agreement with Youth Work Ireland Cavan/Monaghan has been finalised for the delivery of the Comhairle na nÓg programme in 2026.
- The Comhairle na nÓg monthly meeting took place in the Council Chamber on Friday 27th March 2026.

National Bike Week 2026

- National Bike Week will take place from 9th to 17th May 2026.

There are 12 events provisionally planned for various locations within the county. These inclusive events will cater for children, teens and adults and will culminate with a Pedal Parade to be held in Cavan Town on Sunday, 17th May 2026.

Bridge Street Centre

- During March 2026 the following organisations and groups used the centre:, Local Authority Integration Team, Foroige UBU, HSE Disability Services, CCLD Cultural Champions, Healthy Food Made Easy, Failte Isteach, Traveller Women's Group, Cavan Birdwatchers, Local Area Employment Services, YAP, GROW, Art Classes, Yoga, Kilnavara Heights Residents, Joshua Community Group, Safe Ireland, Irish Men's Sheds

Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Publication of 4 x ENews editions in March 2026.
- A 'New Communities' Meitheal Interview was recorded in Stradone.
- Membership of PPN now at 557 (from 523 on 1.1.26)
- Co-hosted social Cohesion Workshop with the National Economic & Social Council (NESC), Department of An Taoiseach – This was a multi-stakeholder workshop which brought together representatives from across government, civil society, the private sector, and academia. The outputs from the workshop will inform NESC's research on Social Cohesion, including a NESC Report and the development of the programme for a conference during the official agenda of Ireland's Presidency of the European Union later this year. The workshop fostered dialogue on issues affecting Social Cohesion. Participants shared experiences, perspectives, and best practices, and identified collaborative approaches to protect and strengthen social cohesion across three lenses: Trust / Legitimacy; the Left Behind; and Intergenerational Fairness.
- Completion of 2025 Finance Report for DRCDG.
- Upcoming Events/Initiatives:
 - Cavan PPN are hosting the National Joint Liaison Committee for PPN Networks,
 - Promotion of PPN at Geopark and Older Persons Events,
 - Hosting of PPN Secretariat (April 14th 2026) and
 - Facilitation of Swanlinbar Meitheal on May 7th 2026 with Muintir na Tire as guest speakers/interviewees.

Healthy Cavan

- The Budget for 2026 is €75,000.
- All 2025 Financial reporting and activity reporting returns were completed and submitted, via POBAL online Portal, before the deadline of 20th February 2026.
- 2nd to 4th March 2026 – Healthy Cavan Co-ordinator attended Induction & Learning Conference in Tralee, Kerry, for the National Healthy Cities & Counties and Slaintecare HC Co-ordinators, to discuss plans for 2026.
- 11th March 2026 – Co-ordinator attended a CYPSC led 'Healthy & Active' online meeting of partners.
- 13th March - Co-ordinator attended a Community Development team planning workshop.
- 19th March – Co-ordinator attended an online training event on Risk Management, procedures and risk registers.
- 23rd March – Co-ordinator attended an online meeting of HSE national steering group around development of a needs assessment for the prevention of Drugs and Alcohol harms.
- 25th March – Co-ordinator attended a 'Cavan Conversations' event in Ramor Arts Centre – looking at how we engage disabled persons in creative arts & health.
- 25th March – Co-ordinator attended an online workshop for Slaintecare Co-ordinators/officers looking at the new National framework on Food poverty/healthy food outcomes measurement framework.
- Conversations continuing with delivery partner organisations around project development for 2026.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP)

- The Local Development Officer (LDO) attended the Induction and Work Programme on 3rd & 4th March in Tralee. The sessions included updates from all network members and discussions on future plans.
- The deadline for all reporting related to the 2025/2026 seed funding is 31 May 2026.
- Seed funding of €75,000 will be available for the SHCP 2026/2027 programme.
- All new funding proposal applications must be submitted by 15th June 2026.

Programme activity

Early Learning Initiative (ELI):

- Project at full capacity (10 families) with strong engagement. Noted improvements in communication, speech, confidence, and social skills. Caregivers more confident in reading and review sessions; YouTube supports helpful. Families beginning to use

local libraries and seeking information on community supports. One of the main challenges is childhood illness causing occasional disruption. Overall, the project is progressing very well and delivering clear benefits.

- **SHCP funded the following swimming coaching which completed in March:**

- Aqua Moves (Teen girls) Bailieboro Leisure Centre
- Parent & toddler (12-36 months) Slieve Russel Hotel
- Adult Learn to swim (beginner & intermediate) Slieve Russel and Cavan Leisure Centre
- Swimmin Women, Cavan Leisure Centre

- **Planet Youth:**

- Afterschool programmes continue to run across all SHCP areas.
Soccer Sessions: Monday: Royal School Cavan, Tuesday: Breifne College, Cavan, Wednesday: St. Bricin's, Belturbet, Thursday: Bailieborough Community College
- Teams from these sessions participated in the Girls' Futsal Tournament at Breffni College on 4 March, featuring U15 and U17 competitions. The event formed part of National Women in Sport Week and was delivered in partnership with Planet Youth, Cavan Sports Partnership, the FAI, and SHCP.

- **Self-Defence Sessions:**

- Breifne College: Lunchtime sessions (Tuesday–Thursday)
- Cavan Youthreach: Tuesdays

- **New and Ongoing Programmes:**

- Soccer sessions with Bounce Back SE and WC (Belturbet and Ballyjamesduff).
- Music taster session with Bounce Back WC (Belturbet), delivered by a new facilitator with potential to develop into a weekly programme.
- Programme offerings are expected to expand further as additional part-time staff become available.

- **Cavan Library Services Sensory Space:**

- The planned sensory space for Johnston Central Library will not proceed due to unforeseen structural issues that made the location unsuitable and prevented delivery within the required timeframe.

Approval has been sought from, and granted by, the Department of Health to redirect the funding toward the purchase of a Magic Table, an interactive projection unit that supports individuals with dementia, sensory needs, and autism. This resource will

complement the existing sensory space in Bailieborough Library and expand activity options for both children and adults. The Magic Table costs €10,000. The original €5,000 allocation will be used, with the remaining €5,000 funded match funded.

Pride of Place 2026

- The Pride of Place National Network met on 10 March 2016 in Dublin to review Liaison Officers' feedback on the 2025 application process, judging procedures, and the 2025 Gala Awards Ceremony.
- Key timelines for the 2026 competition are as follows:
 - Entry forms deadline: 8 May 2026
 - Photographs and summaries deadline: 5 June 2026
 - Judging Dates June to 2nd September 2026
- The competition categories will remain unchanged for 2026.
- This year's Gala Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 24 October 2026, at the Convention Centre, Dublin.

Local Community Safety Partnership

- The second Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) meeting is scheduled for April 15th, 2026.
- The primary goal of the LCSP is to develop a 3-Year Community Safety Plan for the county. This plan will be shaped by guidance from the National Office for Community Safety, who are currently finalising the first "*National Strategy for Improving Community Safety.*" This strategy will establish a foundational, responsive, and relevant policy framework that enables public service bodies and communities to begin to work together in a coordinated manner to make communities safer. The national strategy will set out the framework for all county-level plans.
- While awaiting this national direction, the LCSP will focus on short-term, practical projects that can begin immediately.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Temporary Protection Updates:

- A total of 269 individuals under Temporary Protection are currently accommodated across 12 State Provided- Accommodation (SPA) centres in Cavan.
- Residents continue to receive ongoing support, with frequent requests relating to education and training options, volunteering, social and recreational activities, mental health supports, and housing pathways.

International Protection Applicants (IPA) in Cavan:

- There are 145 IPA residents, including 12 children, currently living in State Provided Accommodation centres in Cavan.
- Residents are accommodated across one family centre and two male-only centres.
- LAIT continues bimonthly outreach visits to Kingscourt in response to the increase of residents since December 2025. Common areas of inquiry include education, English classes, volunteering opportunities, recreational activities, mental health resources, and housing assistance. LAIT have engaged with CMETB, DePaul, Blackwater Training, Foroige, Akidwa for delivery of themed clinics, which have been very successful.
- Blackwater training joined a LAIT clinic in Kingscourt as they have Integration funding to deliver integration supports such as education, training and employment programmes, community events etc. Three residents engaged in volunteer work so far, marking a positive step toward community integration. LAIT hope this can be expanded to other applicants.
- Indoor football sessions are due to begin by end of April in collaboration with ESF Sports Partnership, Healthy Cavan, Blackwater, and LAIT. This aims to encourage social participation and wellbeing.
- Fáilte Isteach, (community project involving volunteers welcoming migrants through conversational English classes) has been organised for Kingscourt, in partnership with Cavan County Local Development. Volunteers were recruited and trained in March 2026 with classes due to commence in April.

BOTP Centre Closures & Relocation Support:

- Two BOTP centres closed in March.
- LAIT met with all affected families and individuals to assess needs and supports required during their transition. Where relevant, LAIT referred families to their counterparts in the area families were moving to.
- Identified concerns were reported to the appropriate government departments to help minimise disruption.

Training & Education:

- Career Guidance Workshops took place in two centres and received highly positive feedback, offering clear direction for residents exploring education and employment pathways.

- A CyberQuest information session was delivered in an IPAS centre to promote the upcoming cross border- digital and cybersecurity programme for young people aged 16–25, funded through PEACEPLUS and delivered with Foróige.

Education & Professional Development Opportunities for IP Applicants:

- The Migrant Teacher Project at the Marino Institute of Education has opened applications for the 2026. 'Being a Teacher in Ireland Bridging Programme,' which supports internationally qualified teachers seeking to re-enter the teaching profession.

LAIT Programme Updates:

- A four-week- Badminton Programme delivered in partnership with Badminton Ireland and Cavan Sports Partnership will begin on 9 April 2026 (7–8pm) at Cavan Leisure Centre, with strong interest already received.
- Creative Ireland funding under Cruinniú na nÓg has been secured to produce a short film with children aged 5–10, highlighting inclusion, friendship, diversity, and integration. A launch event for the film and accompanying children's creative work display, titled Misneach Le Chéile, will take place on Saturday, 6 June 2026 in Virginia Library.
- World Anti-Racism Day was marked on 20 March 2026 in collaboration with Active Travel through a Wear Red Day walk.

National Updates:

- Creating Supportive Spaces train the trainer programme has been completed by Ms. Patricia Tallon, Integration Support Worker. This is as nationwide initiative, led by IPAS and in partnership with UNHCR, Dep of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, and co-funded by EU.
- This project's overall goal is to embed trauma-informed practice and improve wellbeing outcomes for staff and residents.
- National rollout to centre management and staff across IPAS accommodation services will take place from May 2026 to May 2027.

Cavan Sports Partnership (CSP)

Communications:

- Social media: CSP Instagram and Facebook pages updated regularly.
- Continuation of website updates and newsletters.

Education & Training/ Club Development:

- Sports First Aid Training course delivered on March 7th by Pro Training, with 14 coaches and volunteers completing the training
- Online Safeguarding 1 course delivered on Thursday 19th March with 8 coaches completing it

Get Cavan Swimming :

- **Aquatics for All (Enable Ireland)** – 3 groups began at Enable Ireland on March 4th, with 13 children with a disability taking part.
- **Parent and Toddler class** – 2 five-week blocks started in the Slieve Russell on March 4th with 18 participants
- **Adults learn to swim** – 2 classes commenced in Slieve Russell on 16th March with 13 people taking part
- **Aquatics for All** – 2 classes began at Enable Ireland on March 24th, with 12 children with a disability taking part.

Women in Sport Week 2nd – 8th March 2026:

Over this week, 20 events took place across 19 locations around the county, with 365 women of all ages taking part in range of activities, including Yoga, Cycling, Dance, Golf and much more.

Active Adults 55+:

- Strength and Conditioning programmes began in Ballyjamesduff (10 participants) and Cootehill (16 participants).

Inclusion:

- Martial arts programme for children aged 10+ with a disability started on 24 March at Blackdragon club, with 10 children registered.

ESF Programme:

- Horse Riding programme started on March 4th in conjunction with Youth Work Ireland, with 4 people taking part in the initiative.
- Pilates and Football sessions took place for Girls from Youth Reach, whom are members of the travelling community, with 9 trying these activities.
- Martial Arts programme for Include Youth group started March 19th at Blackdragon Club, with 5 participants taking part in the 5-week initiative.

Badminton Officer:

- On March 4th a mother and daughter badminton taster session took place with Mullagh Badminton club, with 11 females attending.

- A juvenile competition took place March 21st at St Pats college with over 20 young people taking part.

Walking for All Officer:

- On March 2nd, Walking Leader training workshop session delivered at Gowra GAA club, with 5 people completing the 3-hour course.
- On March 12th, Walking Leader training workshop session delivered with Laragh GAA with participants completing the workshop.

6. Arts & Culture

Museum



- Photos are of Museum Memories Coffee Morning and Patrick's Day Parade

Educational Visits:

- 12th March – St. Mary's NS, Arva – 39 + teachers –

- 13th March – St. Conleth's N.S - 48 + teachers
- 18th March – ASD Unit, Virginia College – 5 + 1 teacher & 2 SNAs
- 19th March – St. Anne's NS, Bailieborough – 30 + teachers
- 24th March – Dennakesh NS, -20 + teachers
- 25th March – Crubany NS, 55 + teachers
- 26th March – St. Felim's Ns, - 60 + teachers

Group Visits:

- 11th, 18th & 27th March – Southwest Age Partnership Omagh, approx. 20

Events:

- 5th and 6th March - Curator, Research & Ed Officer & Documentation Officer attended the IMA Annual Conference in Monaghan
- 7th March – Museum Memories Coffee Morning – Approx 80 attended
- 17th March – Cavan County Museum took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cavan, Ballyjamesduff and Mullagh.
- 20th March – International Storytelling Day – Junior, Senior and 1st Class of St. Clares visited for Storytelling (approx. 60)

Other:

- Regular groups each week include the Quilters and the PEACEPLUS Face Off Youth group.
- Work Experience Students in March include a post university student and a Transition Year Student.
- Professional visits included National Museum of Ireland Curators, Conservation Officer and Security Officer.
- Ongoing – 30th Year Celebrations, meetings and work regarding upcoming events and exhibitions, grant projects, and staff training.
- Work continues in the maintenance of the museum's catalogue and archives.
- There continues to be a steady stream of drop in visitors and families from Ireland and UK and other areas and increasing each month.
- Marketing to schools and other visitors continues.



1. Visual Art.

RAMOR ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS

'IN SCAPES / EX SCAPES/ LANDSCAPES' EXHIBITION

BY DR. JEAN ANTOINE – DUNNE

Thur 12 Mar | 7:00pm |

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. PERFORMANCES

THE GREATEST 80'S SHOW

Sat 7 Mar | 8:00pm |

The Greatest 80s Show is BACK! – and it's bigger, bolder, and bursting with new surprises! We're returning to the Ramor Arts Centre in Virginia and bringing a whole new wave of 80s magic! You sang with us. You danced in the aisles. And now, it's time to do it all over again... but this time, we're turning everything up a notch! Expect lots of brand-new songs, jaw-dropping moments, and the same infectious energy that's made The Greatest 80s Show Ireland's favourite must-see 80s theatre sensation.

If you thought last time was electric... this time, we're turning it up to neon level MAX!

Tickets won't last – grab yours early and experience The Greatest 80s Show like never before.

THE LOVE HUNGRY FARMER

Fri 13 & Sat 14 Mar | 8:00pm

John Bosco McLaine is a man who has never lain down with a woman but has had romantic blood pulsing through his veins all his life. Always an optimist, and virgin in equal measure, he embarks on a search for an ideal companion regardless of age, failure rate or dammed advice!... and in a community where advice is ample and women few, he follows his heart in an ultimate bid to procure himself a wife.

Often referred to as the natural successor to John B Keane as Ireland's masterful present-day storyteller, Seamus O'Rourke brings to life in this production the wistful, blundering, romantic John Bosco McLean, matching stride for stride Keane's fantastic wit and way with words in an uproarious evening of laughter, love, hope and desire...

TOM CREAN – ANTARCTIC EXPLORER

Sun 15 Mar | 8:00pm |

Tom Crean, the intrepid Antarctic explorer and one of Ireland's unsung heroes, is brought to life in this dramatic and humorous solo performance by Aidan Dooley.

Hear the riveting true stories of Crean's Antarctic explorations as one of the few men to serve with both *Scott* and *Shackleton* and survive the three famous expeditions: *Discovery*, (1901 – 1904); *Terra Nova* (1910 – 1913); and *Endurance* (1914 - 1916).

Crean's story is a testament of human fortitude against all the elements of the Antarctic. His 36-mile solitary trek to base camp during the *Terra Nova* expedition to rescue his comrades Teddy Evans and William Lashly has been described by Antarctic historians, as "the finest feat of individual heroism from the entire age of exploration". He was subsequently awarded the Albert Medal for his bravery.

THE MUSIC OF JOHN DENVER WITH MARC ROBERTS Fri 20 Mar | 8:00pm |

Marc Roberts presents his award-winning show *A Tribute to the Music of John Denver*, a stunning multimedia journey through the life and music of the iconic singer-songwriter. Performing beloved hits like *Annie's Song*, *Take Me Home Country Roads*, and *Leaving on a Jet Plane*, Marc combines storytelling with visuals to bring Denver's legacy to life. A platinum-selling artist and Eurovision runner-up, Marc has toured the show internationally, including sold-out performances at Dublin's National Concert Hall and in Denver's hometown of Aspen. This heartfelt tribute is a must-see for fans of classic country and timeless songwriting.

DRAGONFLIES

Sat 21 Mar | 8:00pm |

Dragonflies look forward to their return to the Ramor Arts Centre on Saturday March 21st 2026.

The evening's entertainment will include many of the songs we used to tune in to the radio for. So, if you like to sing along, come along. Dragonflies play a blend of Ballads, Country, Irish Traditional and Bluegrass with the occasional original stirred into the mix.

*This is a Charity Event. All proceeds from this concert will be donated to **Cavan Multiple Sclerosis**.*

THE ILLEGALS WITH NIAMH KAVANAGH Fri 27 Mar | 8:00pm |

This year The Illegals celebrate 25 years as one of the best live bands around with their classic-rock tribute show to the music of Eagles and Fleetwood Mac.

Fronted by the fabulous Niamh Kavanagh, the Illegals always put on a formidable show, digging deep into the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac back-catalogues with almost three-hours of vocal harmony, superb musicianship, unforgettable songs and great fun. The best of two legendary bands in one night?

It's almost too good to be true.

BRIDGERTON SYMPHONIC

Sat 28 Mar | 8:00pm |

Glas Quartet, Ireland's leading string ensemble, presents ***Bridgerton Symphonic*** under their alter ego After Dark – a spellbinding live tribute to the hit Netflix series. Featuring music from the show's soundtrack, the performance blends classical elegance with immersive visuals and atmospheric lighting, transporting audiences into the romantic world of Bridgerton. With roots in Louth and careers spanning top orchestras and global collaborations, Glas delivers a rich sensory experience. Their artistry and innovation shine in this unique concert, promising a night of drama, beauty, and unforgettable music inspired by the lavish settings and characters of the Bridgerton universe.

3. Artist Support;

- (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.
- (iii) Cormac McCann continue to rehearse in our MPR using the grand piano for his upcoming shows.



1. VISUAL ARTS

TOWNHALL ARTS CENTRE GALLERY AND CAVAN ARTS PRESENT:

OUTSIDE THE HERMIT'S CAVE BY STEPHEN DUNNE Sat 28 Feb - Fri 10 April |

Stephen Dunne's practice operates across the registers of painting, drawing, moving image and the Investigation of speculative and theoretical fictions. The process of making, where each thing leads to the next through an experimental and intuitive approach, is at the core of this work. The work is realised as painting installations, books, printed matter, works on paper, animations, and as collective artworks (made collaboratively with others). Critical to this process is an interest in philosophy of mind, drawing on aspects of the subconscious to enable freer, less conscious or less self-reflexive aspects to come through in the final work.

A graduate of the Royal College of Art in London, Stephen has exhibited internationally regularly. Selected recent exhibitions include: The Tyranny of Ambition, Highlanes Drogheda, Call Me, Galerie PCP Paris, Whistle and I'll Come, Superweakness Den Haag, to name but a few!

Open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday – 11am to 4pm Saturday

2. Performances at Townhall Arts Centre

CAVAN THREE ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL 2026

Sat Mar 7 - Sat 14 Mar | 8:00pm / 7:00pm* |

The Cavan Drama Festival Committee is proud to continue a remarkable tradition spanning over 77 years, once again welcoming theatre groups from across the country to the Townhall Arts Centre.

Audiences can look forward to a vibrant week-long celebration of dramatic excellence, featuring a diverse selection of plays—both classic and contemporary. Don't miss this opportunity to experience outstanding performances before adjudicator Mr. Alan Haslett selects the groups that will advance to the prestigious All-Ireland Open and Confined Festivals.

Sat Mar 7

Carlow Little Theatre Society - '*Eden*' By Eugene O'Brien

Sun Mar 8

Bualadh Bos Drama Group, Oranmore, Co. Galway - '*From Under the Bed*' by Seamus O'Rourke

Mon Mar 9

Enniskillen Theatre Company - '*Doubt: A Parable*' by John Patrick Shanley

Tue Mar 10

Gorey Little Theatre – '*Gut*' by Frances Poet

Wed Mar 11

Slemish Players, Co. Antrim - '*Sylvia*' By A.R. Gurney

Thurs Mar 12

Newpoint Players, Newry, Co. Down 'The Dead' Adapted by Sean Treanor from the short story by James Joyce

Fri Mar 13

Pomeroy Players, Dungannon, Co Tyrone - '*Dancing at Lughnasa*' By Brian Friel

Sat Mar 14

Clones Drama Group - 'Playboy of The Western World' By J.M. Synge

THE LUKE KELLY STORY with CHRIS KAVANAGH Sat 21 March | 8:00pm

Created and performed by the renowned Dublin singer and multi-instrumentalist Chris Kavanagh, this 90-minute show with multi-vision background throughout brings the audience on a journey through Luke's music receiving rave reviews in Ireland and abroad.

In 2011 Chris was asked by John Sheahan to perform with The Dubliners on their German tour and he made a guest appearance on their 50th Anniversary DVD, Luke's family are still in regular attendance at his Dublin concerts.

This exciting show brings to life that unique atmosphere that made Luke so special and it has even been said by countless audience members that his presence can be felt on stage 40 years on.

THE HIGHWAYMEN – REINCARNATED Sat 28 Mar | 8:00pm |

The Highwaymen Reincarnated is a powerful tribute to country legends Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson. Featuring a stellar nine-piece Irish band, cinematic visuals, and explosive lighting, this two-and-a-half-hour show brings the outlaw country era to life. With standout performances by Micheál McGarry, Mike Mack, Aiden McCluskey, and Paul Leavy,

backed by some of Ireland's finest musicians, it's a must-see celebration of the supergroup's greatest hits.

3. Artist Support.

- (iv) Memphis ZuZu Artist is working in one of the third floor studios.
- (v) Cait Masterson Artist is working in one of the third floor studios.
- (vi) Creative Voice use the middle room each Wednesday Night
- (vii) Music Generation use middle room for children's choir every Tuesday Night.

Library

Cavan County Library Services – March 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.

New Services and Events

Launch of Radon Monitors Lending Scheme.

March saw Cavan Library Services launch the Radon Monitors Lending Scheme in conjunction with the EPA and under the umbrella of 'Healthy Ireland at your Library'. Although not widespread across the county, Cavan does have a number of sizable areas of radon, and these monitors can be borrowed from all our library branches.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026

D'fhéile na leabharlanna i gCabán Seachtain na Gaeilge ón 1ú go dtí an 17ú Márta le féilire iomlán imeachtaí do gach aois agus leibhéal Gaeilge. Bhí réimse imeachtaí ar siúl ina measc seisiúin Scéalta, léachtaí, agus cuairteanna scoile le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí as Gaeilge. D'óstáil Leabharlann Cheannais Mhic Shéain maidin spraoi do theaghlaigh as Gaeilge le cluichí, scéalta agus ceardlanna le taitneamh a bhaint astu ag gach aois lena dteaghlach.

Do dhaoine fásta, d'eagraigh ceithre dár leabharlanna craoibhe imeachtaí 'Cupán Tae agus Cúpla Focail' agus léacht speisialta í Leabharlann Cheannais Mhic Shéain ar an nGaeilge Bhreifne. I dtaca le foireann a ghlac páirt i gCúrsaí Teangacha Gaeilge, d'óstáil Leabharlann Cheannais Mhic Shéain sraith imeachtaí speisialta 'Cupán Tae agus Cúpla Focail' ar maidin Dé Luain a thug deis dóibh triail a bhaint as a ndearnadh foghlaim orthu.

D'eagraigh ceithre dár leabharlanna craoibhe Ceardlann don Scrúdu Cainte don Ardteist ar fáil a bhí an-rathúil agus cabhróidh siad thárt le céad mac léinn ullmhú don scrúdú Gaeilge. Chuir muid maoirseacht ar scéim deontais scoláireachta do dhaltai meánscoile a bhronnfar ar cheithre dhaltai. Seoladh Clár Scoláireachta na Gaeltachta trí sheirbhísí leabharlainne le tacaíocht ó Chomhairle Contae Chabháin, Rannóg Pobail & Fiontar.



World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated in Libraries across Cavan on Thursday the 6th of March, a day to celebrate books and reading. Children visited their local libraries in costume for story times, scavenger hunts, quizzes and fun.

Creative Writing Classes

A 10-week, Creative Writing Course with CMETB began in Johnston Central Library during March. A very enthusiastic group have been gathering in the library to discover tips to improve their writing and spark their imaginations. These classes have helped us to strengthen collaboration with our local ETB.

Nature Awakens Talk

Virginia Library hosted a beautiful event to celebrate the arrival of Spring. This event entitled 'Nature Awakens - A Spring Journey Through Wildlife and Birds' by nature enthusiast Elizabeth McKenna saw attendees learn to identify the visitors to their gardens.

Outreach Events

Library Staff attended the Open Day in Cavan Institute to promote our services with Institute staff and students. This was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the range of services available to all our community including the new Skills for Life Programme.

Book Clubs

In March, Cavan Library Service hosted a series of vibrant book club meetings across its branches, catering to diverse age groups and interests. March saw book clubs available across the county for children, teenagers, Irish language speakers and adults.

Online Services

Cavan Library Service continued to provide access to a varied and comprehensive range of free online services, which include e-books, online newspapers and magazines, in addition to training and language courses.

Local Studies Services

Reminiscence Time JCL – Poetry we learned at school.

'Poetry we learned at School' was the topic for March's Reminisce Time event in Johnston Central Library.

Breifne Historical Society

Johnston Central Library hosted a talk on 'The incorrigible Fr Thomas Corr, Parish Priest of Glangevlin 1888 -1915'. This talk was delivered by Dr. Brendan Scott.

Virginia & District Historical Society

Virginia Library were delighted to welcome Virginia & District Historical Society for a lecture on The Ulster Plantation by Oliver Rodgers. With 82 attendees, there was wonderful discussions across the evening.

Local Studies Clinics

The Local Studies Clinic at Johnston Central Library provides a valuable resource for individuals interested in researching their family history or exploring the history of the local area. Staff members offer guidance and assistance with accessing archival materials, census records, maps, the local

studies collection, and other historical documents, enabling visitors to uncover the stories and connections.

Age Friendly

Health and Relaxation classes rolled out in Bailieborough Library an initiative run in conjunction with Healthy Ireland at your Library. These classes have proved very popular providing participants with an opportunity to maintain health and fitness in their local area. The Mindful moments, bridge, chess and scrabble clubs met throughout the month providing further social opportunities for these members. Irish Language versions of these clubs were also offered to celebrate Seachtain na Gaelige. These Age Friendly activities showed the library service's commitment to promoting lifelong learning, social inclusion, and well-being within the community.

Training

Library Staff attended the Youth Library Group Conference in Castlebar.

This conference focused on Recommending with Confidence and provided a number of skill sharing opportunities to learn about successful projects aimed at children and young adults.

New Appointment – Archivist

In partnership with The Heritage Council, Cavan County Council will participate in a Local Authority Archivist Programme which will run for 3 years. Ms. Martina O'Kane has been appointed to the role of Archivist and will be based in Cavan Library Service Headquarters.

6.Finance

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
- Quarterly department returns
- Tax advice to various sections
- Bank reconciliations
- Agresso upgrade project
- Jan Feb 2026 VAT return
- AFS 2025 work

Payroll/Finance:

- Payroll has functioned at 100% capacity with no downtime recorded.
- Two pay dates were processed and completed for Salaries and Wages including Fire.
- Monthly payroll deductions were successfully processed, and monies paid to suppliers.
- Two Travel Expense payments were successfully processed during this period.
- The Finance Department have successfully submitted an ERR report to Revenue for each of the 2 travel payments.
- Credit checks carried out on new loan applicants and Approved Housing Bodies.
- Monthly loan routines completed and reviewed.
- Notice of new Instalments issued to all Borrowers.
- Review and follow up on loans, loan arrears and MPI.
- Meetings with borrowers to review loans.
- Review and update of insurance schedule ongoing.
- Public Liability /Personal Injuries queries and claims followed up.
- Phone Bill payments made.
- Petty Cash reconciled.
- Stores invoices processed and sent to relevant parties.
- Returns, payments and recoupments completed.

Procurement Office and CTA Unit:

- Continued roll out of the new etender system. The Procurement Officer and Members of the CTA Unit manage the new system and administer tender competitions through it.
- This included competition for each of the districts. For supply of materials plant and equipment
- Procurement officer Kevin smith is currently working on Circular 09-2024 to be returned before the 1st July 2026.
- Tender Evaluations: Tenders submitted via SupplyGov have been returned and evaluated.
- Quarterly Reports changes: The procurement officer has suggested making changes to the Quarterly Reports to make reporting easier to compile.
- 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 (March): A total of 12 quotation and 24 tender competitions were administered by the Unit during March
- 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 SAQ has been issued for the Cavan regional sports complex to be returned and in under valuation.
- The New Version of the Councils Procurement Procedure Manual is to be issues in April. The manual provides guidance to staff on the day to day procurement operational issues and is updated in line with the new OGP Public
- The procurement Lunchtime talks 2026 will take place Tuesday the 14th of April.

Internal Audit:

- Internal Audit Work undertaken in accordance with the Annual IA Plan
- Article 48 Leader Grant Assessments- Ongoing
- P2P Review Work- Ongoing
- County Museum Control Checks Ongoing
- Motor Tax Cash Control Check Completed
- PSC In-depth Reviews Commenced for 2025
- 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.
- March 2026 - 1,716 transactions. Year to date 4,989.
- Arrears - €24,504. Year to date €78,225.
- Total Receipts - €282,304. Year to date €844,155.

IT

Digital Communities.

- Robotics workshop Kilmore NS, Breifne College and Virginia College
- Host Robotics competition CombiLift
- Visit Kingspan IKON Centre
- Host Cavan Connects Cafés & Cavan Connects Podcast
- Stand at Cavan IDA Centre
- Setup Changemaker steering committee

NBI Progress:

(NBI is working in areas of West Cavan with low density housing)

Status	Percentage	Premises
Build in Progress	12%	1946
Ready to order	88%	14779

GIS

- Rolling out Reg of Electors Webmap for Corporate
- Publishing Datasets for Historical Plotting in Planning
- Digitising Variations for Dev Plan
- Providing datasets for consultants
- Preparing datasets for Open Data

Cyber Security

- ENISA external and internal penetration tests action plan created
- Hosted inaugural regional Information Security Officer meeting
- Cyber Security refresher training giving to two departments
- Mandatory online phishing training course sent to all staff
- IPB risk register workshop completed
- ADManager/ADAudit/ADSelfService health check completed
- NCSC security advisories applied
- PCI compliance checks completed
- SSL Security certs updated

Infrastructure

- Server 2025 setup and configured for access system.
- Firmware upgrade Housing Switch
- Config backup completed of network switches
- VPN setup for Votail system
- Geopark – additional network points installed
- Wi-fi network reviewed Library JCL – Interleaf Access Points remounted
- Restore of site connection – Ballyconnell AO/Library
- Service Desk Upgrade and Server Cert renewed
- IPB risk register workshop completed
- Quarterly Test Restore completed

Digital

- PMDS System launched – fixes implemented where identified
- LECP Review System Finalised - awaiting go live
- LAIT Outreach Form
- Housing Grants DB Update
- Irish Classes Sharepoint Site - complete
- Community Development Sharepoint structure - complete
- Roads Design Teams & Sharepoint structure – in progress

Website Activity.

Website	Hits	Website	Hits
Bridge St. Centre	145 (237)	Cavan Library	9,092 (9,358)
Cavan Diaspora	92 (271)	Cavan Sports	4,306 (4,210)
Cavan Arts	2,140 (2,528)	Cavan Connects	1,511 (1,591)
Cavan Museum	2,462 (2,573)	Cavan Co. Council	59,528 (69,661)
thisiscavan.ie	16,352 (12,463)		

(previous month)

Help Desk Requests – March

- No of calls logged: 558 | No of calls closed: 508

8. Fire Services & Civil Defence

Our deepest sympathies are with the family and loved ones of those that died in road traffic collisions in February.

Operations

The County Fire Brigades responded to 58 incidents during the month of February 2026. On 3 occasions the Incident Commander requested additional resources over what has been prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance.

Overview

39% Support provided to LA outdoor staff for road-based incidents

24% Fire related spanning from outdoors, vehicle and structural fires

16% Fire Alarm and/or Carbon Monoxide Alarms

14% Road traffic collisions

7% Ambulance & other local (emergency) service assists

Incident outside the County: 1 in total, to assist Monaghan Fire Services at a fire in the Drum area.

Training

The following training was completed during the month:

- Manual Handling training was delivered to staff and firefighters
- Five (5) firefighters received specialist training to operate emergency service vehicles. They completed the ESDS Refresher Driver Training and successfully passed the RSA Practical Test
- Two (2) firefighters successfully completed the 10-day QQI Breathing Apparatus (Initial Wearers) Course in Sligo Training Centre.
- One (1) firefighter successfully completed the NDFEM Managing Fire Service Incidents - Module 1 Course held in Tullamore Training Centre.
- Three (3) firefighters successfully completed the Breathing Apparatus, Care & Maintenance course in Cavan Fire Service HQ.



Breathing Apparatus maintenance personnel working to ensure equipment readiness

Fire Prevention

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested Additional Information	Inspected	Granted
FSC ☐	1		4		6
Revised FSC	2		2		
Regularisation Certificate					

☐ FSC – Fire Safety Certificate. Figure in brackets relate to applications with 7 Day Notice

Three licensing applications came before the Circuit Court in February, and the Fire Authority raise no objections to. In addition, one application was brought before the District Court, to which the Fire Authority also raised no objection.

Building Control

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

*Disability Access Certificate

Commencement Notices for February 2026 Commencement Notices (CN)

submitted: 26

- 7 Opt Out Declarations
- 3 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 15 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 1 Seven Day Notices

Certificates Of Completion (CCC), processed in February 2026 - 5 New No
of CCC submitted.

- 1 Required Revised Information.

- 0 Validated.
- 0 Invalidated.

Civil Defence

In February we completed 12 Duties as follows;

IBTS Clinics	Cavan	4
	Cootehill	1
	Ballyjamesduff	1
National Football League Games		3
AGS Missing Person search		1
Killinkere Parish CFR Training		1
Patient Transport	Ambulance	1
(Cavan To St. Joseph's, Raheny)		

We also had two Volunteers successfully complete their Bike Instructor Training over two weekends in the Phoenix Park Ratra House, provided by CD Branch and Cycle Ireland.



Ensuring instructors are kept informed

12 Volunteers completed Basic Radio Communications training at CD HQ Pullamore, and 4 of our Drone Pilots complete their Public Safety Training in Lough Doire Bhille Wildlife Reserve, Co. Tipperary, organised by CD Branch and Munster Drone.

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 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 Project Scope

Increase current capacity from 2200 PE to 6600 PE* - Upgrade treatment process to meet the UWWTR requirements.

**UE reviewed the initial 6600PE figure and implemented a downward revision of this target capacity figure to 4300PE for the 10-year horizon and 5200 PE for the 25-year horizon for the purposes of this upgrade*

Virginia Project Scope

Increase current capacity from 2000 PE to 6075 PE - Upgrade treatment process to meet the current WWDL requirements.

Current Status ***Ballyjamesduff & Virginia WWTP's***

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 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.

Anticipated Substantial Completion – Q1 2027

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

- *ESB on site - erection of permanent poles*
- *Continue with Pre-commissioning works for Phase 1A*
- *Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Settlement Tank No 2 (Sq. Clarifier)/Intermediate PS No 2/Drainage PS No 2*
- *Laying of screed in Sludge Dewatering Build*
- *Repainting of floor area in Poly Prep Build*
- *Recommence with Conc footpaths/Plinths/Emergency Showers*

Key works planned for next reporting period

- *Commence over-pumping from exist Oxidation Ditch*

- *Flows run through Settlement Tank No 2*
- *Commence Wet Commissioning of Phase 1A*
- *Complete Electrical works at MCC01*
- *Continue with Electrical works at Process Tank / Inlet Works*
- *Continue & complete O/S Mech works on Observation List*
- *Painting of floor area in Sludge Dewatering Build*
- *Continue with Boundary fencing works*
- *Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Hybas/Anoxic/Selector cells*
- *Complete all snags on Shanette Kiosks*

Ballyjamesduff WWTP – Project Details in summary

Existing design PE – 2,200

Proposed PE – 6,600

Planning submission date – April 2022

Planning Granted – January 2023

Construction started– June 2025

Substantial Completion – Q1 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.

Anticipated Substantial Completion – Q2 2027

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

- ❖ *Process pipework ongoing.*
- ❖ *Ducting pipework ongoing.*
- ❖ *CSO chamber completed water test.*
- ❖ *Tertiary filter and outfall pumping station steel fixing and wall shutters ongoing. External and internal walls 50% complete.*

- ❖ *Process pipework to the poly room ongoing.*
- ❖ *Cable containment and cables to storm tanks ongoing.*
- ❖ *Cable containment and cables to Inlet Works ongoing.*
- ❖ *Brackets, pipework and launder to storm tanks 100% complete.*
- ❖ *Platform to “upper” storm tank 80% complete.*
- ❖ *Platform tp “lower” storm tank 50% complete.*
- ❖ *Storm return pipes above ground from both storm tanks complete.*
- ❖ *Testing of service water pipelines ongoing.*
- ❖ *Rising mains pipework from air valves to CSO complete. (Nolan’s connection still to be finished)*

Key works planned for next reporting period

- ❖ *Gantry crane to the main pumping station to commence at the end of the month.*
- ❖ *Covers to opes at main pumping station to be in place.*
- ❖ *Clean out main pumping station before SWE/PEKK recommence Civil/M+E installation.*
- ❖ *Handrailing and stair access to CSO to be completed.*
- ❖ *Poly building M+E works ongoing. Anti skid floor paint will not be done.*
- ❖ *Water kiosk ongoing on Mech and Elect works.*
- ❖ *Hatch for Sludge Holding Tank mixer to be installed and lifting arrangement for mixer to be changed.*
- ❖ *Storm return pumps and venturi mixers to be installed.*
- ❖ *Platforms to storm tanks to be completed.*
- ❖ *Inlet works cabling and glanding to be complete.*
- ❖ *Testing of site pipework ongoing.*
- ❖ *Possibility of temporary power being used for dry commissioning.*
- ❖ *Chemical ducting (ferric) to commence.*
- ❖ *Testing of pipework in poly building.*
- ❖ *ESB cable pulled through duct to ESB sub-station. (possibility)*
- ❖ *Possibly start scaffolding about the existing sludge press building.*
- ❖ *FAT test of panel for main pumping station.*
- ❖ *Panel delivery to MCC building at main pumping station.*
- ❖ *RC works to Tertiary filter/outfall pumping station to be complete.*
- ❖ *Water test of tertiary filter/outfall pumping station to have started.*

Virginia WWTP – Project Details in summary

Existing design PE – 2,000

Proposed PE – 6,075

Planning submission date – December 2022

Planning Granted – November 2023

Construction started – February 2024

Substantial Completion – Q2 2027

Estimated Investment €33 million

Kingscourt, Cootehill & Bailieborough (KCB) 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 – Q2 2026

Substantial Completion (30 months) – Q4 2028

Kingscourt WWTP – Project Details

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

Proposed PE – 5700

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q2 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

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. hope to open the programme to requests for funding in June 2026 with a closing date for same in September 2026. Cavan County Council will engage with all schemes on this new MARWP in the coming months.

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 **€328,150.48** have been issued to applicants with **€137,133.63** 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** — Spring Training for 2026 is ongoing with courses and programmes scheduled, covering a range of different topics. Details and bookings via LEO Cavan website and promotion via usual platforms including LEO Cavan e-zine and social media.

Mentoring Programme – 14 mentoring assignments have been approved in March to date, primarily in the areas of business strategy, finance, sales, marketing and new product development.

Local Enterprise Week 2026 – took place from March 2nd to 6th. The Launch event on March 2nd “Cavan -Build & Beyond – 2026” proved to be a brilliant success, bringing together over 100 businesspeople from the local construction sector and SMEs in Co Cavan.

The Event featured keynote speakers including Eoin Doyle, CE Cavan County Council , Mannock’s Kevin Lunney and Kingspan’s Niall O’Connor and senior representatives from Enterprise Ireland and IDA.

Two discussion panels were facilitated by the Head of Enterprise, Conor Craven, featuring a selection of clients who have advanced their businesses through various LEO schemes and grants. The panels highlighted the Local Enterprise Office by exploring the opportunities available and sharing first-hand experiences of the supports that have helped these businesses progress.

The morning event concluded with a tour of the new facility and several local companies exhibited to great effect showcasing their products to the assembled audience.

The event also served to showcase Cavan in terms of Foreign Direct Investment by LEO collaborating with IDA on hosting the event in the newest IDA advanced building facility in Killygarry business park, Cavan. The event created great positivity and we look forward to many successful collaborations to come from the event.

Local Enterprise Awards –Thursday 5th March.

The Local Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office Network to acknowledge the achievements of the small business sector. Cavan has a very successful track record in the competition.

2026 finalists in the Local Enterprise Awards competition convened in the IKON Centre Kingspan.

The overall winner will go forward to represent Cavan in the National Enterprise Awards on June 18th, 2026 in the Mansion House, Dublin.

- **Overall Winner & Innovation Award**
 - *IO AGRI (Sandra Thompson & Shane O'Reilly)*
- **Digital Award**
 - *CloudQuote Ltd - Quotesforit (John Potter & Thomas Coyle)*
- **Export Award**
 - *Michael Courtney Diesel Engineering Services Ltd (Colin Courtney)*
- **Female Entrepreneur Award**
 - *Mental Health Matters (Barbara Brennan)*

Cavan Women in Business Network – during Local Enterprise Week, on Friday 6th March, the network hosted its first meeting of 2026 and also celebrated International Women's Day. The took place in Cavan Digital Hub with a speech from Niamh Smyth TD **Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with special responsibility for Trade Promotion, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation** and a panel of LEO clients who have benefitted greatly from LEO supports forming and very informative panel for discussion which promoted the LEO to a large audience of engaged female entrepreneurs.

Subsequent to the meeting our membership numbers increased and the Network has had multiple requests for mentoring and other supports through LEO as well as many incidences of women promoting their businesses within the network, getting valuable profiling on our social media platforms. CBWN continues to be a valuable and valued support for women growing their businesses in Cavan in 2026

Student Enterprise Awards – The 2025/2026 competition final took place on Tuesday 10th March in the Slieve Russell Hotel.

LEO Cavan hosted the County Final of the Competition with young entrepreneurs, John Hyland from Clubspot and Emer McEveety from Laochra Academy, who have grown with the support of LEO programmes giving keynote speeches to encourage the entrepreneurial mindset among the large group of creative students entering into the world of business.

The Senior Category winner was Seán Duffy from Virginia College with Duffy Designs

The Junior Category winner was Evyie Mahood from the Royal School with Wood Creations

Green for Business Programme – LEO Cavan approved 12 applications in March 2026.

Energy Efficiency Grant – LEO Cavan approved 1 application in March 2026.

Digital for Business Programme – LEO Cavan approved 2 applications in March 2026.

Grow Digital Voucher – LEO Cavan approved 3 applications in March 2026.

Created In Cavan Food & Drink Network – The Created in Cavan TY Cookery National Final took place in Cavan Institute on Wednesday, 25 March. Students from Bailieborough Community School proudly represented County Cavan, competing against schools from Meath, Louth, Monaghan, Tipperary, and Limerick. Coláiste Mhuire, Thurles claimed first place, with Coláiste Chiaráin, Limerick in second and Bailieborough Community School finishing in third. Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Paul Feeley commended the participating students for their exceptional dishes and their commitment to using local produce. The competition continues to expand each year, attracting increasing interest from schools across the ETB network.

The Created in Cavan Food & Drink Network has been awarded €12,800 in funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine under the Agri-Food Tourism Programme. This investment will support a range of initiatives, including the Summer Food Festival, the Created in Cavan National Schools Programme, enhanced marketing materials, an upgrade of the Created in Cavan website, and a series of chef workshops.

Cavan Craft Collective – The Cavan Craft Collective is currently developing its 2026 strategy, which will focus on a programme of networking events, training supports and online promotion through social media channels. The strategy also includes plans for a popup shop in May, scheduled to take place between the Arts Festival and the County Fleadh. The network hosted its first networking event on Thursday, 6th March.

LEO Cavan, in collaboration with the Cavan Craft Collective, received €2,500 in funding from the “Creative Communities” to host an exhibition during August Craft Month. Applications for new membership are now being accepted.

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.

Our CBWN International women’s Day event was organised in the Digital Hub with the facilitation by the staff there. This was a very successful event and also served to showcase the space to entrepreneurs in Cavan.

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



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7th April, 2026