



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Q1).

5 Units at Radharc na Beairice, Kilnaleck (Q1).

**The Councils current new build programme consists of 21No. housing schemes for 366 Units, at various stages of planning, design, and construction.**

#### **11 No. Schemes for 146 Units are currently under construction.**

##### **11 Units at Pairc na Cairéal, Cootehill:**

Units area under construction and due for completion in Q2'2026.

##### **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 Q3'2026.

##### **13 Units at Chapel Lane, Town Centre, Cootehill**

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

##### **7 Units at “The Palais”, Belturbet:**

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

##### **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 Q3'2027.

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

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

**4 Units at Drumbarlow Road, Kilconny, Belturbet,** (former Flynn's Pub)  
Construction has commenced and this project is due for completion in Q1'2027.

**10 Units at Clankee Court, Shercock;**  
Contract documentation was signed on 5 March and construction is underway.

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

**7 Units at Kilnavara Lane, Cavan Town:**  
This scheme is at the construction tender evaluation stage.

**3 Units at Aughnaskerry, Cavan Town:**  
This scheme is at the construction tender evaluation stage.

**64 Units at Cnoc na Tiníleach, Swellan Lower, Cavan:**  
This scheme has received Stage 2 approval from the Department.  
Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

**32 Units at Mossy Meadows, Swellan Upper, Cavan Town:**  
A Stage 2 application was approved by the Department on 3 March.  
Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

**16 Units at 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 Q2'2026.

**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.  
Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

**20 Units at Kells Road, Kingscourt:**  
Site acquisition is complete, tender documents for an Architect led Design Team have been issued and tenders are being assessed.

**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 units are to be delivered in Q1'2027.

**26 Units, Old Town Manor, Cavan:** North and East Housing Association.

These units are to be delivered in Q3'2026.

**6 Units at Bridge Street, Cavan:** St Vincent de Paul.

These units are to be delivered in Q4'2026.

**1 Unit at River Street, Cavan:** St Vincent de Paul.

This unit is to be delivered in Q2'2026.

**1 Unit at Loreto Hall, Cavan:** North and East Housing Association.

This unit is to be delivered in Q2'2026.

### **1.4 Programme of Works to Vacant Units**

In 2026, **27 No.** vacant units have been refurbished and returned to use.

- 15 Clonmahon Place, Ballinagh
- 5 Elm Grove, Cavan.
- Derrevin, Ballyjamesduff.
- 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.
- Mountain View, Corlough.
- Chapel Road, Belturbet.
- Killymooney, Cavan.
- Tycusker, Arva.
- 22 Sean Lee Drive Belturbet.
- Derryginney Gardens.
- Lacken Lower, Ballinagh.
- Bridge View, Virginia.
- 11 Tycusker, Arva.
- 17 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar.
- 6 Furnaceland Swanlinbar.
- Fay Crescent, Belturbet.
- 1 Elm Grove, Cavan.
- Elm Grove, Cavan.
- 1 Church View, Cavan.
- Lough View Cavan.

Work is on-going returning a further 28 No. vacant units back to use.

- Moylett, Bailieborough.
- 8 Railway Road, Killeshandra.
- 1 Stranamorth, Blacklion.
- Rahardrum, Virginia.
- 18 Chapel Lane, Cootehill.
- 8 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar.
- 14 Glenview Ballyjamesduff.
- 12 Breffni Court, Blacklion.
- 7 Carraig Beg Lisdarn, Cavan.
- Cara, Stradone.
- 19 Owen Roe, Cavan.
- Stradone Village.
- 9 Rathdrum Virginia.
- 26 Fay Crescent, Belturbet.
- 29 Killymooney, Cavan.
- Tycusker, Arva.
- 2 Stranamorth Blacklion.
- 38 Tullacmongan, Cavan.
- 25 Breffni Court Toam Blacklion.
- Monelta, Stradone.
- 25 Wolfetone Street., Cavan.
- 17 Glenview, Ballyjamesduff.
- 60A Highfield Road, Cavan.
- 2 John Paul Avenue, Cavan.
- 12 Cabra View, Kingscourt.
- 17 Blackridge, Ballyconnell.
- 61 College Street, Cavan.
- 16 Breffni Terrace, Cavan.

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

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

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

|                                                         |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| • Total number of Applications received to date         | 674 |
| • Number of Applications to provide further information | 46  |
| • Number of Applications approved in principle to date  | 469 |
| • Number of Grants Applications Paid to Date            | 162 |

## **1.6 2026 Private Housing Adaption Grants Summary 2025 @ 31.05.2026**

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

### **Expenditure at 31.05.2026**

|                       |              |     |           |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----|-----------|
| Grants paid           | (old scheme) | 13  | 146,727   |
|                       | (new scheme) | 36  | 418,487   |
| In process of payment | (old scheme) | 0   | 0         |
|                       | (new scheme) | 20  | 225,435   |
| Approved              | (old scheme) | 1   | 30,000    |
|                       | (new scheme) | 200 | 2,311,301 |

**The total committed expenditure at 31.05.2026 is €3,101,950**

## **2. Roads & Transportation**

### **2.1 National Road Major & Minor Schemes**

#### **N3 Butlersbridge Belturbet:**

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

#### **N3 Virginia Bypass:**

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

Site investigation fieldworks and reporting are complete.

Biodiversity and associated environmental habitat surveys, such as bat, wintering bird, barn owl, flora, fauna, aquatic, and wider ecological assessments, have already been undertaken. Additional validation and walkover surveys will continue throughout 2026 to ensure the information supporting the scheme development and planning process remains accurate and up to date. Barn owl surveys to be carried out in April / May 2026 – these surveys are currently taking place.

Noise, Air, Topographical and Archaeological Geophysical Surveys are complete, however some validation surveys will be carried out in 2026. The Scheme proposes the diversion of a section of the Lislea River. To facilitate this diversion, and to inform the cultural heritage assessment within

the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), an underwater survey is proposed. It is anticipated that this survey will be undertaken in Summer 2026.

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

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.

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

Due to the scale of this project, a Preliminary Business Case 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 comprised a 3.2 km realignment of the N55 at two locations south of Ballinagh and reached Substantial Completion in late 2018, with the Defects Certificate issued in November 2023.

On 07 May 2026, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provided observations on the Final Account Report and Project Close-Out Report, requesting that these be reviewed and the final deliverables issued accordingly. The observations have been forwarded to the Consultants for review and are also under consideration by Cavan County Council. Progress on finalising and submitting the required deliverables for Phase 7 approval and project close out is expected in the next reporting period.

### **Section B (Ballytrust to Mullahoran)**

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

**Construction:** is complete, with Substantial Completion certified on 13 December 2024. All instructed outstanding works were completed in October 2025. Minor landscaping works and snagging are being finalised during the extended Defects Notification Period, which runs to 30 September 2026. No issues arose during the reporting period.

**Road Safety Audit:** The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit is substantially complete. The Resident Engineer has advised that the Designer has signed off on the RSA feedback form, and it has now been issued to the Auditor for final sign-off, ahead of submission to the Client. Receipt is anticipated imminently, following which the audit will be uploaded to the TII RSA Portal to facilitate close out.

**Supervision and Handover:** RPS Consulting Engineers continue to progress the Phase 7 close-out deliverables. The Final ER Construction Stage Monitoring Report will issue following completion of the Stage 3 RSA and determination of the final outstanding claim.

**Land Acquisition / CPO:** Progress has been made in relation to Case 11, with correspondence received from legal representatives indicating that the matter is close to conclusion, subject to clarification of a minor outstanding issue which is currently being progressed. It is anticipated that agreement can be finalised in the next reporting period.

Conveyancing remains ongoing in Case 07, with documentation issued to the landowner's legal representatives and a reminder issued during the reporting period.

No further progress has been made on the Land Disposal Strategy Report pending closure of the remaining cases.

**Archaeology:** No update during the reporting period.

**Financial:** No update during the reporting period.

**Dispute Resolution / Project Board:** No update during the reporting period.

**Road Opening:** The primary focus during the reporting period has been on finalising arrangements for the official opening of the scheme, scheduled for 29 May 2026, when the project is to be formally opened by the Minister for Transport. Preparations have been substantially progressed in liaison with TII and the Department of Transport.

### **The N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme**

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

### **Consultancy Services:**

Phase 0 (Strategic Assessment Report) was completed in Q2 2023, with approval to proceed to Phase 1 granted by TII in July 2023. Sweco Ireland Ltd were appointed in September 2024 under a 45-month contract to progress the scheme through Phases 1 to 4. Design Team meetings between Cavan County Council and Sweco continue to be held on a bi-weekly basis, with the most recent meeting held on 26 May 2026.

### **Progress:**

The scheme continues to progress through Phase 2. Ongoing engagement with Sweco is supporting preparation of the Options Report, with submission of a draft to Cavan County Council anticipated in the coming weeks.

Traffic modelling is at an advanced stage, with final refinements underway to support completion of the overall option appraisal. Subject to review and any required revisions, it is expected that

the Phase 2 deliverables will be finalised and submitted to TII as part of the next stage of the project.

In parallel, initial consideration is being given to requirements for the next phase of the scheme, to support timely progression following identification of a Preferred Option.

Following submission and acceptance of the Phase 2 deliverables by TII, the Preferred Option will be published, and the scheme will progress to Phase 3 (anticipated Q3 2026).

### **Public Engagement:**

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

### **Works Ongoing:**

- Completion of technical assessments to support Phase 2 Options Selection
- Preparation and finalisation of the Phase 2 Options Report
- Finalisation of traffic modelling and integration of outputs into the option appraisal process

## **2.2 National Road Safety Schemes**

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

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

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

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

Clandillon Civil Consultants are progressing toward submitting a Part 8 planning application in the second half of 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 commenced in April 2026 and is expected to be complete by the end of July 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 has engaged with TII regarding the delivery of EPS sites on the national road network for inclusion in the 2026 programme.

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

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

Subject to TII budgets and approvals it is anticipated that these sites will be completed in Q3 of 2026.

## **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 in March with a return date of 26<sup>th</sup> March. It is expected that a contract will be awarded in early June 2026, subject to TII funding approval.

## **2.4 Regional and Local Roads**

### **Strategic Regional and Local Road Schemes:**

#### **R188 Rathkenny East – West**

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

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

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Tenders have been returned and assessed, and Design ID Consulting Engineers from County Down were appointed on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The preliminary design stage commenced on 24<sup>th</sup> 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. These schemes are currently at design stage.

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

### **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

On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Bridge repair works commenced on 27 January 2026 and are now substantially complete.

Bailieboro/Cootehill MD has notified Road design of 4 number bridges with parapet damage namely Clement's bridge, Ouley bridge, Ballyhaise bridge and Canningstown 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 09<sup>th</sup> of February with a return date of 24<sup>th</sup> 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 have been obtained and construction works are due to commence in June.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 2 which consists of Old bridge, Lavey bridge, Drumrorough bridge and Treehoo Cross bridge went out to tender on 25<sup>th</sup> of February with a return date of 11<sup>th</sup> of March and this contract has been awarded to Truir Construction and rehabilitation works has commenced on Lavey bridge and Treehoo Cross bridge.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 3 which consists of Bellaboy bridge, Crosskey bridge, Garvalt Upper bridge and Termon Double Clapper bridge went out to tender on 09<sup>th</sup> of April with a return date of 24<sup>th</sup> of April and this contract has been awarded to McCabe Group and rehabilitation works has commenced on Garvalt Upper bridge.

Carrick Bridge Rehabilitation contract went out to tender on 8<sup>th</sup> May and came back in on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and is currently at tender assessment stage.

### **Local Improvement Schemes**

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

### **2.5 Active Travel**

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

## **Cootehill - Station Rd, Active Travel Scheme**

The project is being delivered in four sections.

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

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

**Phase 2** extends the Active Travel infrastructure from Cootehill Livestock Mart to the Coragh View housing estate. Works are substantially complete, with final elements scheduled for completion in Q2 2026.

**Phase 3**, which involves more complex design and road safety considerations, has received approval from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to proceed to consultant engagement. The project was tendered through the NTA Consultant Framework, with Tobin's appointed to undertake the works. Preliminary design is currently underway. This phase includes the realignment of the R191/R192 junction and the delivery of a Safe Routes to School scheme at St. Aidan's Secondary School. Cavan County Council meeting with affected landowner in the coming weeks.

**Phase 4** runs from St. Michael's Church to the Courthouse. Cavan County Council has 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 the scheme is now ready to proceed to the Section 38 and tender process. Engagement has also taken place with An Post regarding a minor land take of approximately 23 m<sup>2</sup> required to address a pinch point. An Post has agreed in principle to the proposed arrangement. The scheme was recently presented to the members of the Bailieborough–Cootehill Municipal District for their feedback.

## **Bus Station to Cavan Hospital Active Travel Scheme**

Cavan County Council has procured design services through the NTA Consultants Framework for an Active Travel project to enhance cycleway and footpath connectivity between Cavan General Hospital, the roundabout, and Cavan Town Bus Station. Tobin's was awarded the contract, and a range of options were developed and assessed to identify the most appropriate active travel infrastructure for the corridor. The preferred option has now been agreed with the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The project provides for new footpaths and a dedicated cycle track along the R212 and R198, significantly improving connectivity between Cavan General Hospital, surrounding residential and commercial areas, and Cavan Town Centre. The scheme will also deliver a direct link to Phase 1 of the Cavan Urban Greenway, which was completed in 2020, and will integrate with the forthcoming Phase 2 of the Greenway.

In parallel, a traffic model is being undertaken at the roundabout junction adjacent to the Bus Station to determine the optimal layout for all road users. Cavan County Council has sent phase 2 documents to NTA for approval to the next Phases 3 and 4. Tobin's has the drawings for these phases well advanced. Subject to approvals, it is intended that construction works will commence on site in end of June.

### **Loreto school to Cavan Town Active Travel Scheme**

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

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

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

A workshop was held with the National Transport Authority (NTA) on 26<sup>th</sup> March, during which a number of amendments to the roundabout layout and overall masterplan were identified. A further workshop took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April to finalise the preliminary design. At this meeting, the NTA indicated a preference for the scheme to proceed to detailed design by external consultants, to allow for full appraisal of the optimal design solution, notwithstanding the work already undertaken by Cavan County Council.

### **Cavan Urban Greenway**

OCSC 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 3 2026. Cavan County Council has completed cross-sections for the elevated section of the route, including a potential realignment. This information has been issued to OCSC to support their structural design and inform 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 for Killygarry National School has been agreed with both Cavan County Council and the National Transport Authority (NTA). Tender documents have been finalised, and the scheme has been advertised.

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

### **SRTS Round 3 - Mullahoran NS. HSRR**

The delivery plan for Mullahoran National School has been agreed. Engagement has taken place between Cavan County Council and the National Transport Authority (NTA) to identify the most pragmatic solution for the front boundary treatment at the school, noting that Cavan County Council will be the end user. A further meeting with the NTA is scheduled to finalise the design.

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

### **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 Council. The drawings have been submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for approval to progress to Phase 6 – Construction. Comments have been received, and the required minor amendments have been completed. Cavan County Council has formally sought approval to proceed to Phase 6.

The construction tender package has been advertised on [www.supplygov.ie](http://www.supplygov.ie). Tenders have now been received and assessed, and the appointment of the successful contractor is expected shortly. Subject to contract award, it is intended that construction works will commence during the summer school holidays.

### **Cavan Town Centre Active Travel connections**

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

### **Cavan Local Transport Plan**

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

The ABTA will inform the Cavan Local Transport Plan (LTP), which is expected to demonstrate how high-quality planning, urban design, and implementation can rejuvenate the town centre. A central ambition of the plan is to position Cavan as a 'Low Carbon Town Centre' by reducing car dependency, enhancing the public realm, and promoting a diverse mix of uses within the town core.

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

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

Following a joint meeting between the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Cavan County Council, a follow-up engagement is to be arranged with AECOM to ensure that the strategic connectivity benefits of the proposed pedestrian bridge are fully addressed. AECOM will be required to further assess additional permeability links and confirm their feasibility.

## **Bus Stop Enhancement Programme**

The National Transport Authority's (NTA) objective is to promote and expand public transport across Ireland by improving accessibility and ease of use for passengers. This includes the

provision of standardised bus stop identification through the installation of new TFI (Transport for Ireland) bus stop poles, the clear demarcation of stopping locations for buses, and the upgrade of existing infrastructure where required, all in accordance with relevant standards and guidelines.

Cavan County Council's Active Travel Team is working in partnership with the NTA to deliver improvements to a number of bus stops throughout the county in 2026. In respect of the current year's Bus Stop Enhancement Programme, several locations are being progressed, with Road Safety Audits underway. The locations demonstrating the strongest potential for delivery this year include Shercock, Crosskeys, Kingscourt, and Ballyhaise. A number of additional sites, for which designs have already been completed, are being advanced as part of future delivery phases.

In Shercock, improvements are proposed at the lower end of the town at the existing bus stop locations and include the installation of two new bus shelters and the construction of a bus lay-by.

In Crosskeys, the proposed works comprise upgrades to two existing bus stops. Both stops are being designed as online stops and will include new shelters and enhanced footpath infrastructure.

In Kingscourt, two new bus shelters are proposed adjacent to the existing stops near Gartland's Pub. These works are being coordinated with other planned projects in the town, including the town centre regeneration scheme and the greenway extension past Kingspan. The proposals include the provision of new shelters and associated bus lay-bys.

In Ballyhaise, the current proposal provides for a new online bus shelter in the town centre near Oakwood Crescent, with additional design options also under consideration.

### **Kingscourt Town Permeability Link to Navan-Kingscourt Greenway**

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

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

Cavan County Council has engaged with a number of landowners to date and will meet with the remaining stakeholders next week to further advance the scheme. Preparation of landowner folio drawings is ongoing, and environmental screening of the preferred route is currently being undertaken.

### **R4 SRTS Scoil Mhuire NS Swanlinbar**

An Taisce Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Officer has completed a site visit at the school and has since provided recommendations for the required works. These have been

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

#### **R4 SRTS St Aidans NS Bawnboy**

Cavan County Council has developed design drawings in-house based on the agreed delivery plan. Design work has commenced, with a particular focus on the set-down area and the park-and-stride link from the church car park to the school.

The Board of Management has agreed to the removal of the set-down area. Tender documents are currently being finalised, and documentation for NTA approval is being prepared to progress the scheme to Phase 6 – Construction.

#### **Smart Moves Smart Planet**

Students from St. Clare's National School, Cavan No. 1 National School, and Farnham National School recently took part in a fun and educational event, *Smart Moves Smart Planet*, held in the Con Smith Park. The event is a new initiative bringing together several departments including Active Travel, Road Safety, Climate Action, Environmental Services, Biodiversity, and Sports Partnership. The day was further supported by Cavan Tidy Towns and the Road Safety Authority.

The programme provided students with an engaging opportunity to learn about important environmental topics. Activities focused on waste management, highlighting the importance of keeping their town clean and exploring how long different materials take to decompose. The Seatbelt Sheriff was also in attendance, encouraging road safety awareness, with all students proudly taking the Seatbelt Pledge. As part of the event, children took part in Active Travel Bingo and explored the Con Smith Park, discovering features such as the bug hotel and learning about local flora and fauna.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 and is available to view on the project's website at [www.slncr-greenway.com](http://www.slncr-greenway.com)

#### **Cavan North West Greenway**

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

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

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

Following discussions with the TII in March, it was agreed that Cavan County Council would commence a new procurement process for the appointment of technical consultants for Phases 1 to 2 only of the PMG's. Consequently, revised tender documents were published on eTenders on Monday, 20th April 2026 with a closing date of Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 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 with the Baseline Hydraulics report due for resubmission imminently. This has required survey works to gather additional threshold data within the scheme area in order to confirm the numbers of properties at risk for each of the flood event scenarios.

Options Development is progressing. Ayesa has compiled information on the areas of flood risk and potential defence options measures for those areas. Raised defence measures, culvert upgrade measures and initial modelling of upstream storage measures have been modelled in recent weeks. A workshop will be held with the steering group members in the coming weeks to get agreement on the measures which should be brought forward to form FRS Options for the MCA/ cost estimation stage.

Scopes of works for the following environmental surveys Bats, Otters, Breeding Birds and Aquatic Ecology are now being developed for procurement / appointment in Q2 2026.

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

## **2.8 Kingscourt Town Centre Regeneration Scheme**

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

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

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

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.

Invasive species and ecological surveys are scheduled to be commence shortly.

Stage 1 of the pre-qualification process for building contractors was run through etenders/OJEU. 13 submissions were received before the deadline on 8<sup>th</sup> April. These are currently being assessed for suitability by the scheme's consultancy team and the top 5 will be shortlisted for Stage 2 of the process.

## **2.9 Bailieborough Town Centre Regeneration Scheme**

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

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

Tender documents are currently being developed to procure an Integrated Design Team to commence work in delivering the Bailieborough town centre Regeneration Scheme.

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

## **2.10 Special Speed Limit Review**

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

District level in Mid-May. The next stage is to notify TII and the Gardai Commissioner with the proposed schedule of Byelaws.

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

## **2.11 Road Safety**

### **Road Safety Event – ‘One Split Second’**

Students from Loreto College, Breifne College and Youthreach learned of the devastation that can be caused in ‘One Split Second’ at a special Road Safety Event in the Townhall. The event featured presentations by Prof Ashraff Butt, Lead Consultant of Emergency Medicine for Cavan/Monaghan, Sgt James Gallagher, An Garda Síochana, Marie McCarville, National Ambulance Service, Joey McDonald, Cavan Fire Service and Leo Leighio, Vice President of the Irish Road Victims Association.

The students had the opportunity to engage with the Civil Defence and see first aid demonstrations and witness the crew of Cavan Fire Brigade perform a casualty extraction, cutting a car from around a patient before assisting the ambulance crew in transporting the patient away from the scene. The air ambulance also did a flyover. The students also got to use VR goggles simulating a car crash and try the special effects goggles, simulating use of drugs and alcohol.

## **2.12 MD Updates**

### **Cavan Belturbet MD**

#### **Current Works:**

- Preparation for Surface Dressing
- Drainage Maintenance works
- Geopark Maintenance Works
- Horticultural Works Cavan Town and Environs
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins

## RI Roadworks Programme 2026

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

## Bailieborough - Cootehill MD

### Current Works:

- Road Works Programme
- Drainage Maintenance works
- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins

## RI Roadworks Programme 2026

| Bailieborough - Cootehill Municipal District |                                 |                                                                   |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2026 DOT RI Road Works Programme             |                                 |                                                                   |               |
| Road Number                                  | Location                        | Description                                                       | Status        |
| R165                                         | Cavan - Bailieborough           | From Drumanespick to Tullywaltry                                  | In Progress   |
| L2028                                        | Dernakesh rd.                   | Section from Dernakesh cross at Wedlocks towards Latully road jct | In Progress   |
| L6116                                        | Corraneary rd.                  | Section from Corraneary cross towards Knocknalosset               | In Progress   |
| L2005                                        | Bracklagh Rd (John Tullys Road) | From Treehoo Cross to Drumherriff at Fays                         | In Progress   |
| L3552/3548                                   | Galbolie Cross to Dromore Rd    | Phase 1 Galbolie to Kilinkere (Galbolie cross to Dromore rd)      | In Progress   |
| L75781                                       | Relagh beg                      | From R191 Kells Road to Gargans Cross at L7577                    | In Progress   |
| L3534/L3532                                  | Drumbar - Corraneary            | Phase 1 - Mile line Road (Border towards Muff cross)              | In Progress   |
| L7500                                        | Ardardagh                       | From R165 Cavan - Bailieborough rd to Clifferna rd                | Not Commenced |

| 2026 (OR funded) Roads Works Programme |                                     |                                                    |               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| R190/R188                              | Bridge Street /Cavan Road Cootehill | From Main St to Connollys corner to Drumore Estate | Not Commenced |

## **Ballyjamesduff MD**

### **Current Works:**

- Pothole repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Road Gully cleaning programme complete.

### **RI Roadworks Programme 2026**

| Road no | Class | Description                     | Status        |
|---------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| R194-8  | R     | Bracklagh to Moydristan         | Works Ongoing |
| L2504   | LP    | Lacken Lower to Drumcarey Cross | Works Ongoing |
| L2518   | LP    | Drumbee to Drumcassidy          | Not commenced |
| L3003   | LP    | Lecharry to Carrickatober       | Not commenced |
| L3009   | LP    | Cross to Gates of Mullagh       | Not commenced |
| L3011   | LP    | Killyfinla to Fintawan          | Works Ongoing |
| L7102   | LS    | Cloghergoole Cross to Maghera   | Works Ongoing |

## **3. Environment and Waste Management**

### **3.1 Dog Warden Service**

- Number of dog complaints received May - 8
- Number of Dog Licences issued May – 508 (Annual Licence 496, General Licence 1, Lifetime Licence 11)

### **3.2 Litter Management/Enforcement**

- No. complaints (Litter only) recorded for May 2026 **2**
- No. Litter Fines issued during the period May 2026 **2**

### **3.3 Parking Control, Environmental Awareness & Education and Litter Prevention**

- European Recycling Platform - Free WEEE recycling advertised on CCC socials. Free collections took place on the following dates;
  - 9<sup>th</sup> May at The Mart, Ballyjamesduff.

- ‘Smart Moves Smart Planet’ fun day held at Conn Smith Park on 20<sup>th</sup> May. This is a collaborative event organised by Active Travel, Climate and Environmental Sections. 121 kids aged between 6 – 9 years old from 3 local National Schools were invited to take part in a learning and fun day at Con Smith Park.
- Anti-Dumping Initiative - Application submitted for 2026.
- First round of Litter Surveys commenced in May.

### **3.4 Waste Enforcement May 2026**

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Inspection Type</b>                                                                         | <b>Number Completed</b> |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| May 2026     | No. of Waste Facility Permit inspections 6.1.1                                                 | 20                      |
| May 2026     | No. of COR private 6.1.3                                                                       | 1                       |
| May 2026     | No. of Other Routine than previous (WFP/COR Pre Appl & Historic Landfills & Bring Banks)6.1.16 | 62                      |
| May 2026     | Inspections (environmental) of existing planning permissions                                   | 3                       |
| May 2026     | Inspections (env) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission                           | 10                      |
| May 2026     | No. of WCP holders inspections including audits 6.1.12                                         | 25                      |
| May 2026     | No. of Illegal Dumping/ Fly tipping Ex C&D Tyres ELVs 6.2.1                                    | 2                       |
| May 2026     | No. of Other non-routine Insp COR/WFP Pre App 6.2.11 B                                         | 2                       |
| May 2026     | No. of Section 14 Directions under the WMA 1996                                                | 1                       |
| May 2026     | No. of Unauth C&D (sites no permit) 6.2.2                                                      | 8                       |
| May 2026     | No. of Unauth ELVs sites 6.2.3                                                                 | 1                       |
| May 2026     | No. of Article 27s                                                                             | 1                       |
|              | <b>Total No inspection for Waste Management</b>                                                | <b>136</b>              |

### **3.5 Total Number of people using Civic Amenity Sites (April)**

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 2852

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 1246

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 792

Figures for May are not available yet and will be included in June CE report.

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

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 74.4

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 39.397

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 34.04

Figures for May are not available yet and will be included in June CE report

### **3.7 Bring centres**

Total amount of materials recycled at 32 bring Centres **April – 173.69 Tonnes**  
**(including Repak)**

Figures for May not available yet and will be included in June CE report.

### **3.8 Planning Application**

- 26 planning reports including FI assessment reports provided by Environment element of the Section to Planning Section in May 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)**

- 6 queries relating to grant applications for septic tanks.
- DWWA Citizen Engagement action - article on maintenance published in print and on social media.
- 2025 Inspection Report issued finding Cavan County Council successfully completed their allocation of inspections.

### **3.10 Discharge Licences – Section 4**

- 2 letters issued regarding discharge licence compliance status
- 25 samples taken
- 1 facility inspected
- Liaising with new property owners with facility that holds a discharge licence requiring review
- 1 complaint received relating to discharge licence Contact made with management company over discharge licence complaint
- Review and update of discharge licence activity tracker.

### **3.11 Water, Air and Noise Complaints**

- 2 Water pollution complaints closed
- 15 Inspections following pollution complaints received
- 6 letters issued relating to water pollution complaints

- 3 Section 12 notice issued
- 1 Noise pollution complaint received

### **3.12 Farm Inspections**

- 22 farm complaints inspections undertaken
- 1 outfarm farm inspection undertaken
- 4 compliance letters following on from inspections
- 7 non-compliance letters following on from inspections
- 1 Cross report issued to DAFM for Agri complaints.
- 1 Enforcement letter issued for Agri complaints
- NAIP Meeting with Teagasc and Cavan County Council Agricultural Inspectors
- Catchment data returned to EPA

### **3.13 Water Monitoring**

- 30 THM drinking water group water scheme samples
- 6 Group water scheme check samples taken
- 6 Group water scheme Audit samples taken
- 14 Small private supply check samples taken
- 3 NDMA samples taken
- 1 Bathing water sample taken
- 3 emails issued to HSE regarding non-compliant results
- 10 emails issued to Group Water Schemes regarding non-compliant results
- 3 Well Grant Inspections undertaken
- 21 River and Lake samples taken

### **3.14 Air**

- Monthly Air Quality Bulletin circulated on Cavan County Council's social media platforms.
- Liaising with other LA's regarding air pollution enforcement approaches.
- 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

- Review and circulation of solvent and decopaints regs workshop presentations.
- 1 Petrol Vapour Emissions cert issued
- 1 PVE reminder notification sent
- CCC staff continue to participate in the National NIECE Air Enforcement Working Group

### **3.15 Energy Management**

- Review of monthly bills, compare & disseminate info.
- Update of Climate Action Tracker
- Provision of Energy info to assist in Climate Action reporting.
- 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 supplier in relation to CCC's account and the various sites operating within same, includes disconnections, reassigning budget allocations and new additions to the account.
- Progressing with Design Team appointed as per SEAI Pathfinder project for Building Energy Retrofit Plan for Cavan County Council's 5 significant energy user buildings.
- Participation in Border Working and Steering Group Meetings
- Final input of CCC 2025 information on the SEAI Monitoring and Reporting Platform.
- Provide response to media query on energy efficiency of CCC offices

### **3.16 Climate Action**

- Administer works on fleet decarbonisation with consultant, provision of baseline data and attendance of weekly meetings.
- Attend leader committee meeting
- Preparation and attendance of border subregional meetings
- Interpret and present data from solar provider for 5 main energy use buildings
- Drafting 2025 Reporting to CARO and SPC
- Progression of DZ Zone Implementation Group, Draft Terms of Reference formulated and inaugural meeting planning for June
- Responding to requests for Information from Research Institutions regarding Decarbonisation Initiatives.

- Assist in the planning and implementation of cross Departmental 'Smart Moves, Smart Planet' event with 120 local school children held on 20 May led by Active Travel in partnership with colleagues in Environment, Sports Partnership and Community Safety
- Meeting with Section Heads to gain insight to past and future work programmes to provide assistance where possible and ensure updates are noted on MS Planner.
- Investigating and disseminating information on possible external funding sources for projects such as LIFE and Nature Based Solutions
- Climate Action Officer participation on Local Authority Climate Action Plan Guidelines Workshop Review
- Funding approved from DCEE under Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme. CCC has received funding of €489,000 to deliver 15 community climate action projects. Project have until October 2027 for completion. Unsuccessful applicants notified and referred to CCLD LEADER programme as an alternative funding opportunity.
- Continued liaising with community groups under Phase 1 of CCAP to drawdown funding and report on project completion.
- Continued engagement with Cavan GAA County Board on the implementation of the Green Clubs Programme in Cavan

### **3.17 Miscellaneous**

- Provision of notice to communications office in relation to algal blooms
- Discussion with Biodiversity Officer re Cavan Biodiversity Action Plan
- Input to review of LECP 2024-2029

## 4. Planning

| May 2026                                                                                                | TOTAL | Cavan /<br>Belturbet | Ballyjamesduff | Bailieborough<br>/ Cootehill | Outside<br>Jurisdiction |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Applications lodged</b>                                                                              |       |                      |                |                              |                         |
| (i) Valid                                                                                               | 76    | 33                   | 27             | 15                           | 1                       |
| (ii) Invalid                                                                                            | 11    | 6                    | 3              | 2                            |                         |
|                                                                                                         |       |                      |                |                              |                         |
| <b>Permission Determined</b>                                                                            | 46    | 18                   | 12             | 16                           |                         |
| (i) Of decisions<br>determined, no. of<br>decisions decided within 8<br>weeks                           | 18    | 9                    | 4              | 5                            |                         |
| (ii) Of decisions<br>determined, no. which<br>required submission of FI                                 | 28    | 9                    | 8              | 11                           |                         |
| (iii) Of decisions<br>determined, no. of<br>decisions outside 8 weeks<br>(eg Transboundary<br>Decision) | 0     | 0                    | 0              | 0                            |                         |
| Average length of time to<br>determine an application<br>where FI was sought                            | 80    |                      |                |                              |                         |
|                                                                                                         |       |                      |                |                              |                         |
| No. of grants                                                                                           | 42    | 15                   | 11             | 16                           |                         |
| % of grants                                                                                             | 91%   |                      |                |                              |                         |
|                                                                                                         |       |                      |                |                              |                         |
| No. of refusals                                                                                         | 4     | 3                    | 1              | 0                            |                         |
| % of refusals                                                                                           | 9%    |                      |                |                              |                         |
|                                                                                                         |       |                      |                |                              |                         |
| No. of extensions of<br>duration lodged                                                                 | 0     |                      |                |                              |                         |
| No. of extensions of<br>duration granted                                                                | 0     |                      |                |                              |                         |
| No. of extensions of<br>duration refused                                                                | 0     |                      |                |                              |                         |
| No. of extensions of<br>duration gone to FI                                                             | 0     |                      |                |                              |                         |
| No. Residential Zoned Land<br>Tax                                                                       | 0     |                      |                |                              |                         |

| YEAR TO DATE 2026                                                                           |       |                 |                |                           |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                                             | TOTAL | Cavan/Belturbet | Ballyjamesduff | Bailieborough / Cootehill | Outside Jurisdiction |
| <b>Applications lodged</b>                                                                  |       |                 |                |                           |                      |
| (i) Valid                                                                                   | 309   | 127             | 98             | 83                        | 1                    |
| (ii) Invalid                                                                                | 71    | 39              | 21             | 11                        |                      |
|                                                                                             |       |                 |                |                           |                      |
| <b>Permission Determined</b>                                                                | 215   | 74              | 75             | 66                        |                      |
| (i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks                        | 99    | 42              | 29             | 28                        |                      |
| (ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI                           | 116   | 32              | 46             | 38                        |                      |
| (iii) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions outside 8 weeks (eg Transboundary Decision) | 0     | 0               | 0              | 0                         |                      |
| Average length of time to determine an application where FI was sought                      | 78    |                 |                |                           |                      |
|                                                                                             |       |                 |                |                           |                      |
| No. of grants                                                                               | 200   | 65              | 72             | 63                        |                      |
| % of grants                                                                                 | 93%   |                 |                |                           |                      |
|                                                                                             |       |                 |                |                           |                      |
| No. of refusals                                                                             | 15    | 9               | 3              | 3                         |                      |
| % of refusals                                                                               | 7%    |                 |                |                           |                      |
|                                                                                             |       |                 |                |                           |                      |
| No. of extensions of duration lodged                                                        | 5     | 0               | 2              | 3                         |                      |
| 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 01/05/2026 to 27/05/2026
2. There was one application submitted which was outside jurisdiction.

## **5. Community & Enterprise**

### **Rural Development & Tourism**

#### **Large Capital Projects:**

##### **Cavan Regional Sports Campus**

The detailed design phase has concluded,

- 'Approval to proceed to Tender' from LSSIF has been sought and awaiting approval.  
(OPW reviewing Preliminary Business Case Rev 4)
- Approval to proceed has been sought from SEUPB (PeacePLUS): ARVO Procurement Specialists are reviewing
- SEUPB Project Board meetings up and running, meetings took place on the:
  - 24/02/2025
  - 24/03/2026
  - 28/04/2026
  - 26/05/2026

#### **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 June.
- 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 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.
- The asbestos removal is now complete, and demolition works are almost complete.
- Reduced dig and removal of surplus material is almost complete.
- Underpinning and foundation works are ongoing.

### **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 (Craft Studio Architecture). Design is complete and tender is published.

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

- Stage 1 Tender for the conservation, refurbishment and extension contractor has concluded and 6 contractors have been shortlisted.
- The Stage 2 Tender was published on the 24th of April 2026 and the deadline for receipt of tenders is the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2026, with works due to commence in July of 2026.

#### Advances works:

- Advanced works tender has been run to divert an unchartered 3<sup>rd</sup> party utility infrastructure. Tender is due to be awarded shortly with works set to commence in June. (Diversion agreement from UE is in place and awaiting legals to conclude regarding the easements)

### **PEACEPLUS Programme**

#### **Programme Update – May 2026**

- The cross-border farming tender was approved at the LCDC on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Letter of intent has been issued to Philip Farrelly & CO.
- Current number of participants on PEACEPLUS projects is: 3,520

#### **Update on capital projects - May 2026**

#### **Ballyconnell Community Centre**

- Tender acceptance letter, H&S appointment to be sent to Micheal Maguire Architect.

#### **Co Cavan Rugby Club**

- CRFC have self-appointed David Cullivan as their design team.
- Cullivan Architects have sent initial design drawings to CRCF for approval, prior to agreed detailed design and tender package.

#### **Men's and Hens Shed Bailieborough**

- Planning has been approved.
- Jarlath Johnston Architect has been appointed as agent working on behalf of Baileborough Men's and Hens Shed.

Met on site with committee last Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May and discussed all proposed. Agent preparing initial design before preparing tender pack.

### **Cootehill Town Team BOI former building**

- Construction Tender complete.
- Letter of intent issued to Sean Quigley Contracts Ltd
- Craft studio has Completed Value Engineering.
- Proceeding to formally appoint Sean Quigley as contractor for completion of works on First Floor.

### **Kingscourt Community Development Association**

- Agent and Committee have meet with contractor and discussed potential start date for works to commence.

### **Lavey Community Group**

- Design team have prepared construction tender but haven't gone to tender as awaiting on decision of additional funding.

### **Virginia Rugby Football club**

- Project was tendered on 14/03/2026.
- Tender report completed.
- Post tender clarification completed and committee about to award. Cannot award until decision is made on what funds are available.

### **Playgrounds**

- Cavan County Council was granted approval for funding on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 for the Upgrade works at Arva Playground in the amount of €18,970 from the Department of Children Disability and Equality.

### **Municipal District Discretionary Scheme 2026**

- This scheme is designed for larger scale infrastructural and capital projects and the minimum grant aid payable will be €3,000.
- Grants of €127,000 were allocated to 19 groups in the Ballyjamesduff Municipal District.
- Grants of €127,000 were allocated to 24 groups in the Bailieborough/Cootehill Municipal District.
- Grants of €127,000 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.
- Grants of €10,000 were allocated to 14 groups in the Ballyjamesduff Municipal District.
- Grants of €14,000 were allocated to 10 groups in the Bailieborough/Cootehill Municipal District

- Grants of €10,750 were allocated to 15 groups in the Cavan/Belturbet Municipal District.

### **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.
- Grants of €7,000 were allocated to 8 groups in the Ballyjamesduff Municipal District.
- Grants of €6,000 were allocated to 10 groups in the Bailieborough/Cootehill Municipal District
- Grants of €7,000 were allocated to 5 groups in the Cavan/Belturbet Municipal District.

### **Local Enhancement Programme 2026**

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

This total amount comprises of:

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

These grants have been assessed and were approved by the LCDC on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026. We forwarded these to the Department for approval on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and are awaiting Department approval.

### **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 and projects have commenced.

### **Main Scheme:**

| <b>Location</b>     | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Allocation</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Killeshandra</b> | 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         |
| <b>Kingscourt</b>   | 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         |

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Mullagh</b> | The community of Mullagh is Integrating and Welcoming through a refreshed painting of the Main Street buildings, improved community outdoors spaces, more attractive pedestrian movement and welcoming entry points into the village. | € 300,000 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|

#### **Project Development Measure:**

| <b>Location</b>     | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                              | <b>Allocation</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Killeshandra</b> | 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:CLAR@drcdg.gov.ie) by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.

#### **Tourism**

#### **Marketing**

- Trails photographer appointed to capture new outdoor imagery of County Cavan.

- This is Cavan has seen strong year on-year growth across both Facebook and Instagram to date in 2026, with significant increases in views, engagement, website traffic (9,000 in May) and follower growth of over 2K and reach of 128,000 in May alone.
- Online Spring / Summer promotional competition running on This is Cavan! social media throughout May. Summer videos soon to commence.
- Cavan featured in 'Your Ireland' print advertising feature in Anglo Celt and six associated group papers.
- Influencer Chris Connolly (@explorewithchristoir) visited Cavan on a paid trip for two nights and created content for social media. Other influencers Eilidh Tuckett, Rob Kenny also visited Cavan in the month of May.
- New angling guide produced
- Distribution across 31 sites in May.

### **Product Development**

- Crover Shore contractor appointed.
- Digital Media consultant appointed to deliver 12 months of social media promotion for This is Cavan!
- Progress made on delivery of Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) for Upper Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

### **Trade**

- Cavan County Council is supporting a prestigious women's European amateur golf event at PGA National Slieve Russell in July. Teams of four (along with coaches / families) from 26 countries will be attending and staying for 4- 5 days.
- Support for individual members of tourism trade including mentoring, supply of information and imagery, online support and listing and facilitation of meetings with supporting agencies – Failte Ireland and Created in Cavan.

### **Community Development Section**

#### **LCDC**

- An LCDC meeting took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Items on the agenda included PEACEPLUS, Review of the Local Economic & Community Plan 2024-2029 - Implementation Plan 2024-2025, Cavan PPN and Agency Updates.
- Karina Charles Lynch, Arts Officer, Cavan County Council delivered a presentation on 'Arts in Action: Delivering Impact for County Cavan'.

## **SICAP**

- The SICAP Mid-Year Review process has commenced, the SICAP Monitoring Committee will meet to consider same once the process has been completed. A recommendation arising from the review will be presented to the members of the LCDC at their July meeting for approval.

## **LEADER**

- Cavan Local Action Group (LAG) in conjunction with Cavan Local Development Company received formal approval in respect of Cavan Local Development Strategy on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to implement the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 with a budget of €6.4 million.
- A total of 144 Active Expressions of Interest has been received in respect of the LEADER Programme 2023-2027.
- The current LEADER Programme expenditure is €2,170,734.93 which is 45% of the budget leaving a balance of €2,607,094.32.

## **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 Age Friendly Ireland National Older People's Convention took place on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> May in Athlone - Three representatives from Cavan OPC attended accompanied by the Age Friendly Programme Manager and Social Inclusion Staff Officer. The theme of the convention was 'Thriving Together Age Friendly Sustainable Communities'. Speakers included Minister Kieran O'Donnell, Chief Superintendent Blaithin Moran, Eileen Murphy, Central Statistics Office, Declan Meally, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and the Chief Executives of Louth, Westmeath and Meath County Councils, Emer Coveney, National Programme Manager, Age Friendly Ireland and MC Aonghus McAnally.
- The Age Friendly Programme Manager met with Cavan General Hospital management on 12<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the delivery of the actions identified in the walkability audit that was carried out by Cavan Age Friendly last year. A new Age Friendly Lead has been appointed to work on the project in Cavan General.
- A pre-retirement seminar organised by Cavan Age Friendly took place on 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Hotel Kilmore. The Retirement Planning Council of Ireland delivered the seminar. Topics

included how to create a happy and meaningful retirement life, looking to the future in a positive and optimistic way, maintaining good health and legal matters such as wills and enduring power of attorney and social welfare benefits were also explored.

- Cavan Age Friendly assisted with the recruitment of participants for a Fab Lab workshop funded by PEACEPLUS under the DS3 programme which was held in Virginia Library on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- The Age Friendly Programme Manager and the Joint Chairs of Cavan Older People's Council attended Communications and Media Training with Age Friendly Ireland on 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- Planning is ongoing for a Cavan Older People's Council Information Roadshow to be held in Cavan County Museum on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.
- Caroline Mhiceoin & Megan Barry from Tusla attended the Education subgroup meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and discussed the implementation plans for education support service actions in the National Traveller and Roma Education Strategy. A follow up meeting of the Education subgroup took place on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Connecting for Life**

- Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training continues 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.
- The Social Inclusion Officer attended a meeting of the Cavan Monaghan Connects Working Group on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

- There are 23 members on Cavan Comhairle na nÓg with representatives from post primary schools and Youth Reach.

- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 5 members of Comhairle na nOg represented their group and their county at Dail na nOg in Leinster house.
- The Comhairle na nÓg monthly meeting took place in the Council Chamber on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## **National Bike Week 2026**

- National Bike Week took place from 9<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May with ten events taking place in County Cavan throughout the week. Events catered for older adults, teens, families, teens and for children with special needs.
- Highlights included Active Adults over 50's Cycle programme in Killykeen Forest Park, Accessibility Cycling at the Holy Family School in conjunction with Louth Disability Cycling Club, BikeFests in both Cavan & Cootehill and Teen Pump Track Tasters at Tanagh Education Centre
- Bike week closed on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May with a huge Pedal Parade through Cavan town.

## **Bridge Street Centre**

- During May 2026 the following organisations and groups used the centre: Local Authority Integration Team, Failte Isteach, GROW, Art Classes, HSE Disability Services, Lithuanian School, Joshua Community Group, Foroige UBU, YAP, Yoga Classes, Cavan Traveller Movement, Ukrainian Community Group, Local Area Employment Services, Tina Tully – OMRA and Safe Ireland
- The Bridge Street Board met on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

## **Cavan Disability Network**

- 2No. Disability Access Certificates processed from the last report on the BCMS System.
- Consultation is ongoing with the Cavan/Belturbet, Ballyjamesduff and Bailieborough/Cootehill area engineers in relation to works being planned in the three Municipal Districts.
- A meeting of Cavan Disability Network took place in April 2026 and the next meeting will take place in June 2026.
- Dealing with accessibility queries from Cavan County Council Staff and members of the public.

## **Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN)**

- Published 4no. ENews editions.

- PPN hosted Swanlinbar Community Conversation with Muintir na Tire.
- 46 one-to-one member group supports provided.
- Provision of training for 7 member groups.
- Registration of 3 new groups, bringing membership to 563 (from 523)

#### **Upcoming Events/Initiatives:**

- Participation in Cavan Pride march taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Hosting PPN Secretariat Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- CavanPPN Plenary Session in Tullyvin Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Healthy Cavan**

- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Co-ordinator attended the launch event for Planet Youth School and County reports in The Garage Theatre, Monaghan. Pictured in the Anglo-celt alongside other funding partners.
- 5<sup>th</sup> May - Co-ordinator attended photo opportunity with Healthy Ireland at your Library staff, to publicise the Period Dignity project. Scheduled to appear in the Anglo-Celt.
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator delivered a capacity building workshop to the new Discover Belturbet Committee, with Cllr Brendan Fay in attendance, alongside Towns Team colleagues.
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator attended an online workshop in development of new national drugs & alcohol prevention needs assessment. HSE led.
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator attended a ‘Hello How Are You event’ in Cavan townhall, in support of Cavan Monaghan Arts & Health colleagues. Healthy Cavan funded the refreshments for participants.
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator attended the second planning workshop meeting of HI & Slaintecare Co-ordinators in the Gateway Hotel, Dundalk. Focus on Human learning systems and application at community level.
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator attended online meeting of TUSLA led Healthy & Active sub-group.
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator delivered a talk to local men’s group hosted by Teach Oscail FRC.
- 27<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator attended the ‘Cavan Connects’ Conference in Cavan Townhall.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Co-ordinator attended online meeting to review the recent ‘Youth Play Champions’ training event and plan with partner organisations for expanding potentially to adult play champions.

## **Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP)**

- The Local Development Officer attended the Planet Youth Survey Launch on 1st May at the Garage Theatre, Monaghan.
- A national LDO Teams meeting took place on 11th May, with Development Officers providing programme updates.
- The LDO attended a HILG event in Dundalk on 20th May, which included a “Know Your Place” workshop focused on governance, influencing, mapping where wellbeing sits within local government structures, as well as scenario-based and peer learning. A workshop on the HILG Community Wellbeing Data Portal was also included.
- The LDO participated in an Interagency Meeting in Belturbet on 28th May to discuss local needs.
- All Phase 3 programmes are being finalised and reported to the Department of Health via submit.com, with a deadline of 29th May.

## **Pride of Place Competition**

This Year's Pride of Place entries have been submitted to Co-operation Ireland.

Categories:

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

Judging is due to take place the last week of August 2026.

## **Local Community Safety Partnership**

At the most recent LCSP meeting, members discussed a range of priority community safety issues, including:

- The potential for developing a local initiative on Coco's Law to promote a safe, respectful, and responsible digital usage within the local community, raising awareness of harmful online communications, supporting those affected, and encouraging positive online behaviour in line with Coco's Law
- Growing concerns regarding the dangers of vaping, particularly among young people

- Ongoing challenges relating to the provision and expansion of CCTV infrastructure within County Cavan

These discussions highlighted emerging risks and areas requiring coordinated responses at both local and national levels.

### **Community Safety Plan 2026-2028:**

The Partnership launched a countywide Community Safety Survey as part of its ongoing consultation process.

- The survey is open to all individuals aged 12 years and over
- A strong promotional campaign has been delivered across multiple platforms and networks
- To date, over 600 responses have been received, indicating strong public engagement
- The survey will close on 31st May 2026.

The findings will be analysed and will directly inform the development of a three-year Community Safety Plan, with key themes and priorities expected to emerge from the data collected.

### **Coco's Law – Multi-Agency Working Group:**

Following the recent community event held in Kilmore in relation to Coco's Law, a multi-agency working group has been established. The group includes representatives from:

- An Garda Síochána
- Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Tusla
- Cavan LCSP
- Schools

The group has met on three occasions to date and continues to work collaboratively in a positive and constructive manner to progress initiatives aligned with Coco's Law and community safety awareness.

At a recent meeting, the working group identified an opportunity to apply for funding under the Community Safety Fund and agreed that the LCSP would act as the lead applicant with An Garda Síochána as lead provider. Cavan LCSP has worked closely with the group to develop and submit a funding application. This represents a significant opportunity to support targeted community safety initiatives arising from the group's work.

The third meeting of the Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership is scheduled to take place on 17th June.

## Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

### Beneficiaries Of Temporary Protection:

- There are 267 individuals under Temporary Protection accommodated in State provided Accommodation in Cavan, across 12 centres.
- 98 of whom are under 18s, majority of them of school age.

### International Protection Applicants:

- There are 141 International Protection Applicants in State Provided Accommodation in Cavan; 12 of whom are children, distributed across 1 family centre and 2 male-only centres.

### LAIT Programme Updates:

- **Health & Engagement:** Joint clinics with AkiDwA in two IPAS centres took place in May focusing on men's health and employment supports. An upcoming focus group in Cavan Library will take place on May 19th to gather resident feedback and improve services.
- **Sports & Activities:** April was successful badminton and indoor soccer programmes with strong attendance and positive feedback from participants; plans are underway to expand badminton to June and potentially to Virginia.
- **Education:** Online English classes launched in April with 22 participants, with further intermediate and in-person courses planned for May and June.
- **Community & Culture:** Creative Ireland workshops celebrating Cruinniú na nÓg 2026 are currently underway as part of the Misneach Le Chéile with a film launch planned for June 6th.
- **Upcoming Events:** Funding has been secured for Africa Day, with planning currently underway. Preparations are also in progress for Refugee Week (June 15th -21st).
- **Employment barriers:** Limited access to transport and driving lessons continues to impact job opportunities, with only one resident supported to begin lessons so far.
- **Education challenges:** Ongoing issues with school placements and delays in PPSNs are preventing some young people, including unaccompanied minors, from accessing education.

- **Individual support cases:** Continued support is being provided to vulnerable young people experiencing delays in accessing services, disputed age status, and financial supports.
- **Social welfare:** Reduced payments for individuals under temporary protection in fully catered accommodation continue to cause financial difficulties for some beneficiaries of temporary protection.

## Cavan Sports Partnership (CSP)

### Communications:

- Social media: CSP Instagram and Facebook pages updated regularly.
- Continuation of website updates and newsletters
- Met with Olivia from the LSP Network and a professional photographer on May 20<sup>th</sup> with the purpose of creating an image bank that all LSP's can use for reporting and advertising events. We attended a teen girl S&C class in Cootehill and then went to Lough Gowna to a Kayaking programme.

### Education & Training/ Club Development:

- Safeguarding 1 – May 20<sup>th</sup> – 14 people were booked in for online training delivered by Patricia Forde via Zoom
- GAA All Stars Coaching Course – members of the National Learning Network took part in this coaching course delivered by the GAA. 13 participants attended the course in the Shanette and on the Astro at Cavan Leisure
- Introduction to Coaching Basketball is due to take place on May 28<sup>th</sup> and at present, there are 12 members of the National Learning Network signed up to take part.

### Get Cavan Swimming:

- Adult Learn to Swim in Cavan Leisure Centre – 23 adults are signed up to an 8 week learn to swim programme. This programme began on April 24<sup>th</sup> and will run until June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Swimmin' Women aqua aerobics in Cavan Leisure Centre, 2 x 6-week programmes began on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. 50 women in total have signed up.
- Adult Learn to Swim. This 7-week programme started on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 participants signed up.
- Aquatics for All 6-week programme run with Enable Ireland – 11 participants – began on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Parent and toddler 6-week programme started on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Cavan Leisure centre. 12 Parents have signed up to the classes with their babies/toddlers

**Inclusion:**

- Kickstart to Recovery Mental Health programme began on May 6<sup>th</sup> and runs until June 10<sup>th</sup>  
10 Adults engaged in mental health joined this programme which focuses on movement, mental health and wellbeing, run in conjunction with the FAI and HSE.
- Soccer skills – 42 adults engaged in disability services took part in this programme which runs from May 6<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Active Adults 50+:**

- Active Adults 50+ Strength & Conditioning – 6-weeks of classes kicked off on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- 17 adults enrolled for the programme, delivered in Breakthrough Performance Cootehill

**Women in Sport:**

- Women's kayaking 4-week programme – 20 ladies signed up for this kayaking programme that takes place in Lough Gowna on Wednesday evenings from May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Mother & Baby Yoga – 6-week programme in Cavan Rugby Club. 30 Mothers signed up to take part in this programme.

**Youth & Schools:**

- HERMoves Zen Club – 12 leaving cert girls from St. Bricin's College Belturbet took part in this 2-hour session that focuses on exercise and overall wellbeing.
- Teen girl nutrition talk – we ran a competition for three clubs to win a free teen girl nutrition talk delivered by Aiveen Connolly. 53 teen girls across the 3 clubs (Drumlane, Gowna & Blackdragon Kickboxing Club) attended the talk.
- Leadership in Sport TY programme – programme ran over 3 weeks for TY students in St Aidan's Cootehill. 18 students took part and the programme was run in conjunction with Basketball Ireland.
- Bike Week in a Box – 9 schools took part with over 400 pupils learning cycling skills, completing mini-challenges, attending educational talks around cycling and learning bike maintenance.

**ESF Programme:**

- Traveller boys football programme – 4-week programme ran in Cavan Leisure Centre Astro with 10 youths taking part
- Traveller family swim – 6 children took part in this 4-week programme in Bailieborough Leisure Centre.

**Badminton Officer:**

- Sláintecare funded 'Come & Try Badminton' for juveniles in 4 clubs – Cootehill, Tunnyduff, Cornafean and Mullagh. 94 people have signed up across the 4 areas to take part in these 4-week programmes

**Walking for All Officer:**

- 27.04.2026 - x7 attended Belturbet Hen Shed practice walk
- 28.04.2026 - 1 WfA Walk leader trained for Crosserlough
- 18.05.2026 - x4 attended Crosserlough practice walk

**Economic Development Unit - Town Centre First****Bailieborough:**

Following approval of the fourth call under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), a project with a total cost of €880,000 has been awarded funding of €792,000. Cavan County Council will provide the required match funding.

In April, the tender process to appoint a multidisciplinary design team commenced. Projects funded under this Category 2 call must be completed within 18 months from the date of funding approval.

**Killeshandra:**

The Town Centre First Plan for Killeshandra is now finalised. Work is now ongoing on implementing of projects in the plan which include Streetscape enhancement scheme under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025 (TVRS). This is in line with the Streets and Public Spaces theme identified in the Plan.

Funding of €50,000 was also secured for Stuarts' Shop under the TVRS Project Development Measure. This funding will be used to appoint a multidisciplinary team to undertake a study including structural, heritage and end use considerations in order to maximise the potential use of the property and find the best possible sustainable outcome for this landmark, main street building. The tender process to secure the multidisciplinary design team is currently underway.

**DS3 Project:**

Work is ongoing on the roll out of the DS3 PEACEPLUS Project. Cavan Co Council are one of the 7 project partners involved, running over a 42 month period.

As part of the DS3 project, an event was held in collaboration with Cavan Women's Shed at Johnston Central Library, Farnham Street, Cavan, on 21 April 2026.

The training focused on building digital confidence and practical skills, supporting participants to engage more effectively with digital tools, and everyday technology. The initiative reflects the DS3

Project's ongoing commitment to promoting digital inclusion and reducing barriers to digital access within the community.

The session formed part of a wider programme of digital engagement activities being delivered under the DS3 Project, aimed at empowering individuals and communities to participate fully in an increasingly digital society.

Further digital training and community-based initiatives are planned as the project continues to work with local groups and organisations across County Cavan.



*Members of Cavan Women's Shed who attended Digital Skills training in Johnston Central library as part of the DS3 PEACEPLUS project.*

### **Economic Development:**

Work on the development of a new 10 year Economic Strategy and a Place Branding Strategy for County Cavan is almost complete. The aim of the Economic Strategy is to set out a roadmap for inclusive, sustainable growth in Cavan, build on our existing strengths, address persistent challenges and align key stakeholders to take coordinated action.

In conjunction with the development of the Economic and Place Branding Strategies, a Socio-Economic Report and Investment Brochure for County Cavan have been prepared by the Economic Development Unit.

A new Economic Leadership Forum, along with specialist working groups, has been established. In April, key leaders within the construction sector convened to discuss the implementation of key actions of the Economic Strategy.

Promotional materials are currently being developed in collaboration with the Economic Development Unit.

## 6. Arts & Culture

### Arts Office

#### **Cavan Monaghan Music Generation – Community Choir Showcase**

The Cavan Monaghan Music Generation Junior and Senior Community Choir Celebration Concert took place on 24th May at Cavan Institute, Dublin Road. The event marked the culmination of a year-long programme of vocal training and development, with strong attendance from families and the wider community.

Participants demonstrated significant musical progression, confidence and ensemble skills. The performance highlighted the impact of Music Generation in providing accessible, high-quality music education across the county.

Special acknowledgement is extended to Music Educator Claire Crehen for her leadership and commitment to the programme.

#### **Cavan Arts Festival 2026**



Karcocha, a contemporary Chilean harlequin who travels the world creating vibrant street performances came to Cavan.

Cavan Arts Festival took place from 14th–17th May across multiple venues in Cavan Town, presenting a multidisciplinary programme of music, theatre, visual arts and spoken word. The festival continued to build its reputation as a key cultural event, attracting huge numbers of both local and visiting audiences.

One of the many highlights of the programme included a specially commissioned musical response by Noel Monaghan, engaging with place and landscape through contemporary composition. The festival supported artists at all career stages and contributed significantly to cultural tourism and evening economy activity.



Fanzini as Gaeilge

### **Art in Bloom – Bealtaine Festival Exhibition**

The Active Virginians group opened their exhibition *Art in Bloom* at Virginia Civic Centre and Library as part of the national Bealtaine Festival, celebrating creativity in older age. The exhibition showcased work developed through a series of workshops supported under the Cavan Arts Project Awards Scheme 2026. The initiative fostered social engagement, creativity and wellbeing among older participants.

### **Other Stories – Exhibition at St. Luke’s Hospital, Dublin**



### **Other Stories, participant artwork. Image credit: Liza Cauldwell.**

Other Stories is a collection of images made by the patients and healthcare workers of St Luke’s Radiation Oncology Network. The exhibition was on display at St Luke’s Hospital, Rathgar in May. The project was supported by Cavan Arts and Culture Action Europe as part of a wider European cultural collaboration. The exhibition explored personal narratives and creative expression within a healthcare context, highlighting the role of the arts in wellbeing and cross-sector engagement.

## **Paul Galligan – “Whispers of the Countryside” Exhibition**



Paul Galligan’s solo exhibition *Whispers of the Countryside* opened on 30th May at Townhall Arts Centre, Cavan, with a strong public attendance.

Curated by Mark St. John Ellis, the exhibition features large-scale charcoal and soft pastel works depicting rural landscapes and environments, reflecting both realism and expressive interpretation.

### **Sleeping Giant Project – Artist Open Call**

An open call was issued to visual artists to participate in the *Sleeping Giant* eco-awareness project, led by mentor Tom Meskell.

The initiative forms part of preparations for the Gulliver’s Travels 300-year celebration in October 2026, acknowledging the strong literary connections with County Cavan. The project integrates environmental themes with creative practice.

### **Townhall Studio Awards – Artist Talk**

An Artist Talk event was hosted at Townhall Arts Centre featuring studio award recipients Ellen Perry, Cait Masterson and Heather Brett.

The session provided insight into current artistic practices and supported peer learning and audience engagement with contemporary visual arts.

### **“What Are We Eatin’ Anyways” – Climate Action Play**

Performances of *What Are We Eatin’ Anyways*, a climate action-focused play, took place at Ramor Arts Centre and Townhall Arts Centre during May.

The development and rewriting of the play was supported by Cavan Arts in 2025, reflecting the office’s commitment to supporting work addressing environmental awareness through the arts.

### **Understanding Boundaries for Creatives – Online Session**

Cavan Arts, in association with Culture and Health and facilitator Kim Doherty, delivered an online session titled *Understanding Boundaries for Creatives*.

The training was attended by artists locally, nationally and across Europe, supporting professional development and wellbeing within creative practice.

## **Cavan County Museum**

### **Educational Visits:**

- St. Eman's NS – 42 + teachers
- Castletara NS – 22 + teachers
- St. Bricin's College – 32 + teachers
- St. Clares History Club – 3 visits – 10 + teacher each time
- Farnham NS – 26 + teachers
- Sacred Heart Primary School – 36 + teachers
- St. McDaragh Community School – 25 + teachers
- Gibson NS – 26 + teachers
- Castleollard NS – 14 + teachers
- Coola PPS – 65 + teachers
- St. Colmcilles 31 + teachers
- St. Clares NS 28+1 (For Discovery Centre Assessment)

### **Group Visits:**

- Tara Tours 21 + guide (USA)
- Convey Mens Shed – 16
- Bailieborough Resource Centre – 8
- Dublin Vintage Car Group – 20
- Carran Walkers – 9
- Tour Group (Jim Roche booking) – 16
- Active Retired Group – 30
- Cork Scout Fellowship – 10
- Taughmann Turin Women's Group – 25
- SafeTalk Training – 17 + tutors
- Rose Campton – group -10
- Kilashandra Day Care – 20 Seniors + 4 Carers
- Royal Dublin Fusiliers – 11
- Breffni Vintage Car Group -250 (116 cars)
- Cross Mullagh Friendship Group -36
- Ancre Somme Association – 20

### **Events:**

- An Evening with Percy French – 100 + cast 13
- Cures from the Hollow Book Launch – 103
- National Drawing Day – 20
- Biodiversity Day – Felting With Morag- 12
- Centenary Death of General Nugent – Trench Tours \* 3 – 30

### **Other:**

- Regular groups include the Quilters and the PEACEPLUS Face Off Youth group.

- Work Experience Students in May include a post university student and a SEN LCA Student.
- Hosted Cavan - Belturbet Municipal District Meeting and Cavan County Council Meeting.
- Ongoing – 30<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations, meetings and work regarding upcoming events and exhibitions, grant projects.
- Staff training – Fáilte Ireland Domestic B2C Sales Ready Programme; Irish Museum Association Education and Outreach Conference; MPSI Collection Care;
- Outreach visiting elders in the locality collecting stories about the museum and Ballyjamesduff continues.
- We applied to be a Discover Centre with Research Ireland and had our assessment in May. If successful we will be the first in Cavan and the nearest one serving a large catchment area outside of the county.
- Work continues in the maintenance of the museum's catalogue and archives.
- Security Upgrades completed
- There continues to be a steady stream of drop in visitors and families from Ireland and UK and other areas.
- Marketing to schools and other visitors continues.



## 1. EXHIBITIONS

### **TOWNHALL ARTS CENTRE GALLERY & CAVAN ARTS PRESENT:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **2. PERFORMANCES**

### **PETER PAN-TASTIC!**

**Wed 6 & Thurs 7 May | 7:00pm**

Join Peter Pan, the boy who never grows up, as he whisks Wendy and her brothers to Magical Neverland. With Tinkerbell, the Lost Boys and daring pirates led by Captain Hook, this musical adventure bursts with laughter, songs and imagination.

### **CAVAN RUGBY CLUB MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**Sat 9 May | 8:00pm**

Cavan Rugby Club Male Voice Choir is currently rehearsing some new and exciting material for this concert on May 9th in The Town Hall Arts Centre. This year's chosen beneficiary of the proceeds from the concert will go to CUAN House here in Cavan.

### **CAVAN ARTS FESTIVAL PRESENTS:**

#### **AOIFE DUNNE - GOOD GRIEF**

**Fri 15 May | 8:00pm**

After selling out her entire 2025 tour, including Edinburgh Fringe, Galway International Arts Festival, and major Irish theatre dates, Aoife Dunne brings her acclaimed debut *Good Grief* (★★★★ – Chortle) on an extended 2026 run due to phenomenal demand. A rising force in Irish comedy and storytelling, Aoife blends humour, heartbreak and razor-sharp insight as she explores loss, finds connection and brings to life the strange and hilarious ways we survive what we never thought we'd face. **Good Grief** makes its Cavan debut at Cavan Arts Festival, with Aoife bringing her signature warmth, wit and knockout performance to local audiences for the first time. Mixing stand-up, theatrical storytelling and moments of profound emotional truth, **Good Grief** has been praised by audiences and critics alike for its unique blend of laughter, catharsis and deeply human connection.

#### **DOUBLE BILL: DUG and ZOÉ BASHA**

**Sat 16 May | 8:00pm**

**DUG** There's an effortless magnetism to DUG's contemporary folk sound. Formed in 2023 by Conor (Lorkin) O'Reilly and Jonny Pickett, the duo write with the ease of lifelong collaborators, drawing on musical roots that stretch from America and Scotland to Ireland. Their lived experience comes through clearly on their debut album *Have At It!*

Resonator guitar and banjo take centre stage in their arrangements, weaving intricate finger-picked patterns with an organic, breathing energy. Known for their warmth, humour and razor-sharp lyrical wit, DUG balance mischief and melancholy in equal measure, crafting songs that feel like catching up with an old friend, honest, inviting and full of spirit.

**Zoé Basha** Of French-American origins, her original pieces and traditional songs blend the pulse of American ragtime, the sway of Appalachian Mountain songs, and the fervour and solemn ornamentation of Irish traditionals.

Basha's self-released debut album *Gamble* tells stories of her roaming's through adventures and musings of intimacy, sorrow, celebrating the fleeting, and questioning the whole lot. Inspired by the

greats, such as Billie Holiday, Texas Gladden, Edith Piaf and The Steve Miller Band. Awarded Folk Album of the Month by The Guardian and receiving 4-star praise on RTÉ Radio 1's Arena, the record and its title track were shortlisted for the 68th Annual Grammy Awards in two categories: Best Folk Album and Best American Roots Performance.

### **CAVAN ARTS FESTIVAL PRESENTS:**

#### **THE DEVIL'S IN THE DANCE HALL**

**Sun 17 May | 8:00pm**

*The Devil's in the Dance Hall* is a vibrant live show rooted in Irish social history, inspired by Jimmy Gralton and the suppression of rural dance halls in the early 1900s. Drawing on oral history, folk memory, and the energy of the big-band era, Edwina Guckian creates an immersive performance with Seamus O'Rourke that brings the parish hall to life as a place of movement, learning, argument, and possibility.

The piece celebrates dance as an act of collective joy and quiet defiance. Through spoken word, song, and the power of The Gralton Big Band, it tells the story of how Ireland's dance halls became centres of community life until church and state sought to shut them down with the 1935 Dance Hall Act.

As the night unfolds, the line between stage and floor disappears, and the audience is invited to join in, filling the hall with music, movement, and connection across generations.

#### **WHERE ANGELS TREAD**

**Thurs 21 & Fri 22 May | 8:00pm**

**Where Angels Tread** is a musical play written by the participants of Creative Voice, Cavan and directed by Carolann Farrelly.

Johnny Mc has died and everyone seems to know it, except Johnny.

Inspired by truth and imagination this play explores the deep currents of family life and relationships in a rural town in Ireland. It looks at the truth of Johnny's life and his imagined afterlife revealing many twists, turns and secrets. It is nostalgic and heart-warming, philosophical, deep, sad and hilarious, sprinkled with some of our favourite songs expressing the characters thoughts and emotions as the story unfolds.

#### **THE COTTAGE MARKET CAVAN PRESENTS: WHAT ARE WE EATIN' ANYWAYS?**

**Sat 23 May | 8:00pm |**

What if your dinner could change the world? This 40-minute drama follows local duo Jimmy and Bridie as they explore the impact of our modern food systems with humour, heart, and honest conversation. From packaging and food waste to our growing disconnect from real food, the performance highlights the challenges we face - while celebrating the power of choosing local and organic. Inspired by The Local Green Box Cavan, the show encourages simple, practical lifestyle changes that support local people, food producers, and the planet. **Performed by: Fiona Marie Fitzpatrick & Charlie McGuinness** After the performance, step outside and enjoy our DineYard experience, featuring delicious street food made with local Green Box ingredients in collaboration with The People's Restaurant. *A pre-booking link for food will be shared once tickets are sold.*

## **Cavan Town CCÉ Branch to Host County Cavan Fleadh Cheoil    Fri 29 – Sun 31 May 2026**

Cavan Town CCÉ will host the County Cavan Fleadh Cheoil over the June Bank Holiday Weekend. Events begin Friday night with Céilí and Set Dancing competitions.

Competitions continue Saturday and Sunday in St. Clare's National School, featuring all instrumental categories—solos, duets, trios, grúpaí ceoil, Céilí Bands—as well as singing, lilting, storytelling, and comhrá Gaeilge.

A Set Dancing Céilí takes place in the Townhall Arts Centre on Saturday, **May 30th at 9pm**, and the Fleadh concludes on **Sunday, May 31st** with a concert showcasing Cavan Town CCÉ musicians and dancers in Townhall Arts Centre.

*Táimid go léir ag tnúth leis an bhFleadh agus tá súil againn go mbainfidh sibhse an-taitneamh as an deireadh seachtaine.*

For more info visit: [cavantowncomhaltas.ie](http://cavantowncomhaltas.ie)

### **3. Artist Support.**

- (i) Louise Swords Artist is working in one of the third-floor studios.
- (ii) Cavan Arts Festival has an office in one of the third-floor studios.
- (iii) Creative Voice use the middle room each Wednesday Night
- (iv) Music Generation use middle room for children's choir every Tuesday Night.



### **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.**

### **WHAT ARE WE EATIN' ANYWAYS?**

**Sat 2 May | 8:00pm**

What if your dinner could change the world? This 40-minute drama follows local duo Jimmy and Bridie as they explore the impact of our modern food systems with humour, heart, and honest conversation. From packaging and food waste to our growing disconnect from real food, the performance highlights the challenges we face - while celebrating the power of choosing local and organic. Inspired by The Local Green Box Cavan, the show encourages simple, practical lifestyle changes that support local people, food producers, and the planet.

Performed by: Fiona Marie Fitzpatrick & Charlie McGuinness

### **VIRGINIA COLLEGE SUMMER CONCERT 2026    Thurs 7 May | 8:00pm**

Virginia College Music students are delighted to invite you to an evening filled with exceptional entertainment! This concert will showcase the school choir, school band and a wonderful selection of engaging solo and group performances from talented students across all year groups.

A raffle with fantastic prizes will also take place on the night.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable event!

### **NINETEEN EIGHTY SOMETHING**

**Fri 8 May | 8:00pm**

***Written and performed by Declan Gorman***

In 1981, a young Irish migrant is wakened by a strange woman in a German undergroundstation. She tells him to run, quickly....

And so, begins nine years of running and searching: for love, work, escape, meaning, hope. Spanning a decade, this wildly entertaining autobiographical tale hurtles from the squats, car factories and bars of Munich, Berlin to the deserts of Morocco and home to a new life in fringe theatre and protest politics in Dublin.

A time of recession, mass unemployment and migration, hunger strikes, miners' strikes, Ronald Reagan and Maggie Thatcher, anti-apartheid and miscarriage of justice campaigns. With video montage, movement, a pumping 80s soundtrack and moments of high comedy interlaced with truthful accounts of loneliness, anxiety and recovery, Gorman recreates a decade of global and Irish political upheaval telling his own story in a visceral live performance.

*Contains strong language and sexual references: suited to 14s and upwards*

### **THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE *by Hotbuckle Productions Ltd***

**Fri 15 May | 8:00pm**

Hotbuckle Productions are back with a new adaptation of Thomas Hardy's "The Return of the Native". Set against the haunting backdrop of Egdon Heath, the novel tells the story of Eustacia Vye, a young woman whose passionate longing for escape and fulfilment leads to a profound exploration of human desires and the indomitable forces that shape destiny.

With live music, high energy, multi role playing, humour and inventiveness, yet another English classic novel is brought wonderfully to life—Hotbuckle style!

### **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 continues to rehearse in our MPR using the grand piano for his upcoming shows.

### **Cavan County Library Services – May 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.

#### **Bealtaine Festival**

Bealtaine Festival 2026 proved to be a vibrant and highly successful programme across Cavan Library Service, showcasing an extensive and engaging range of events throughout the month of May. There was a rich mix of activities—including the ever-popular Big Bealtaine Tea Parties, creative workshops, exhibitions, poetry events, and reminiscence sessions which encouraged strong community participation and created welcoming spaces for connection and creativity. Attendance across branches was consistently positive, supported by the continued popularity of craft and reading groups, which played a key role in sustaining engagement. The programme successfully highlighted the talents, experiences and creativity of older people, while also fostering inclusivity and social interaction. Bealtaine Festival 2026 strengthened the role of Cavan libraries as vital community hubs, delivering meaningful cultural experiences and promoting wellbeing, creativity and lifelong learning in a lively and celebratory atmosphere.



#### **Poetry Ireland Day**

Library Branches across Cavan joined in the Poetry Ireland Day celebrations with Poetry Corners, workshops, readings and events.

##### **Shared Verse**

Johnston Central Library encouraged visitors to recite their favourite poem, share something they had written or just sit back and enjoy some poetry being read aloud on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May as part of Poetry Ireland Celebrations.

##### **Verse and Vibes**

Virginia Library hosted a poetry morning where visitors were invited to share a poem they had written or recite a verse from their favourite poem or poet.

### **Biodiversity Week**

Libraries across Cavan joined the Biodiversity Week Celebrations with displays of Recommended Reads as chosen by our Biodiversity Officer, Naomi Mitten. We also shared biodiversity themed stories across the week with families and schools.

### **Ukulele Hubs**

Cavan Library Services are delighted to partner with Cavan Arts in running Ukulele classes in Bailieborough and Belturbet Libraries. Classes will run in both branches for 7 weeks. A further opportunity for borrowers to get creative during Bealtaine.

### **Seirbhís as Gaeilge**

#### **Ciorcal Comhrá**

There were opportunities to join in with a Ciorcal Comhrá in Arva and Cootehill libraries in May.

#### **Book Clubs**

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

### **Local Studies Services**

#### **Reminiscence Time Johnston Central Library – Old Trades and Crafts**

Johnston Central Library held a reminiscence time event on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May on the topic of Old Trades and Crafts. This event further enhanced the Bealtaine Festival programme.

#### **Local Studies Clinics**

The Local Studies Clinic at Johnston Central Library continued during May. 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.

### **Healthy Ireland at your Library**

The Irish Heart Foundation visited Johnston Central Library on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May as part of their Heart Failure Awareness Campaign 2026. Nursing staff from the Irish Heart Foundation offered Blood Pressure and Pulse checks to those in attendance and provided them with heart health information and advice on reducing their risk of heart attacks and strokes. This event provided those in attendance with the opportunity of meeting nurses from local cardiology teams in Cavan Hospital.

### **Services to Students**

Libraries across Cavan provided Study Space throughout the month of May as students completed 3<sup>rd</sup> level exams or prepared for the Leaving and Junior Cert Exams. Dedicated areas for quiet study were provided in addition to areas for collaborative work.

### **Creative Cavan**

#### **Cruinniú na nÓg**

Preparations for Cruinniú na nÓg were ongoing throughout the month of May. Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and we are looking forward to enjoying the events.

## 7. Finance & IT

### **Accounts Payable /Treasury Management:**

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

### **Payroll/Finance:**

- Payroll has functioned at 100% capacity with no downtime recorded.
- Two pay dates 06th May and 20th May 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.
- Online payslip project underway.
- Credit checks carried out on new loan applicants and Approved Housing Bodies.
- Attendance at Credit Committee meetings to review loan applications.
- Monthly loan routines completed and reviewed.
- 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.
- P30 and P35 completed.
- Phone Bill payments made.
- Stores invoices processed and sent to relevant parties.
- Returns, payments and recoupments completed.
- Finance summary expenditure and Sales Orders for Roads claims completed.

### **Procurement Office and CTA Unit:**

- Continued rollout 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 along with help from Internal Audit and the Financial Accountant working on the public spending code report to be returned May 28th, 2026

- 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 have 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 (May): A total of 21 quotations and 15 tender competitions were administered by the Unit during May
- The current draft of the councils proposed Green Public Procurement Strategy is awaiting the outcome from the DPENDR Consultation process currently underway to replace Circular 20/2019 in light of the DECC Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027 document. It is envisaged that the Councils Draft GPP Strategy will have to be amended in line with the relevant outcome and then presented to the SMT and CE for further consideration
- The New Version of the Councils Procurement Procedure Manual is to be issues in June. The manual provides guidance to staff on the day-to-day procurement operational issues and is updated in line with the new OGP Public

#### **Internal Audit:**

- Internal Audit Work undertaken in accordance with the Annual IA Plan
- Article 48 Leader Grant Assessments- Ongoing
- P2P Q1 Stats Review Work- Completed
- PSC In-depth Reviews Process for 2025 (Audit Sample 2 Capital & 1 Revenue) - Completed
- 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.
- May 2026 -                   1,478 transactions.                   Year to date 8,059.
- Arrears -                    €24,976.                   Year to date €123,525.
- Total Receipts -           €228,589.                   Year to date €1,316,644.

## IT Dept. Department Activity for May 2026.

### Digital Communities.

- Host NLN Tech Events
- Host Cavan Connects Conference 2026
- Host Robotics workshops
- Host FabLab workshops
- Host Multimedia workshops
- Host Podcast workshops
- Host AI workshops
- Host VR workshops
- Host OurKidsCode workshops
- Host H2O Heroes workshops
- Host Cavan Connects Cafés & Cavan Connects Podcast
- Stand at Cavan Institute

### NBI Progress:

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

| Status            | Percentage | Premises |
|-------------------|------------|----------|
| Build in Progress | 10%        | 1721     |
| Ready to order    | 90%        | 15087    |

### GIS

- Digitising Variations for Dev Plan
- Developing Heritage Webmap
- Preparing datasets for Open Data
- Providing datasets for consultants

### Cyber Security

- CyFun security audit review commenced
- AI Refresh training provided.
- Phishing simulation

### Infrastructure

- Tender evaluation commenced for HCI replacement.
- Geopark Teams Telephony completed
- Meeting Room setup Geopark Office complete
- Eir approved Contractor complete
- ICT Review for library investment Grant
- CRM server setup complete
- Network - WIFI setup BJD Fire Station/Router upgrade JCL library
- Attended Regional Infrastructure Day in Monaghan

Digital

- CRM Training & Implementation Progressed
- Affordable Housing Application Form – complete, awaiting signoff
- LECP Review – amendments to reminders flows
- PMDS Reporting Dashboard
- Safety Plan Survey Reporting
- Roads Design Sharepoint/Teams Setup
- PTools Training

Website Activity

| Website           | Hits            | Website           | Hits            |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Bridge St. Centre | 162 (144)       | Cavan Library     | 7,407 (8,715)   |
| Cavan Diaspora    | 75 (78)         | Cavan Sports      | 2,827 (4,077)   |
| Cavan Arts        | 1,379 (2,829)   | Cavan Connects    | 1,933 (756)     |
| Cavan Museum      | 2,947 (2,966)   | Cavan Co. Council | 61,822 (61,879) |
| thisiscavan.ie    | 13,266 (13,534) |                   |                 |

- (previous month)

Help Desk Requests – May

- No of calls logged: 562 | No of calls closed: 524

8. Fire Services & Civil Defence

Cavan County Fire Service

Operations

The County Fire Brigades responded to 61 incidents during the month of April 2026. On 5 occasions, the Incident Commander requested additional resources over what has been prescribed in the Pre-Determined Attendance.

Overview

|     |                                                                        |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26% | Fire-related spanning including outdoors, vehicle and structural fires |
| 25% | Road traffic collisions                                                |
| 21% | Support provided to LA outdoor staff for road-based incidents          |
| 16% | Fire Alarm and/or Carbon Monoxide Alarms activations                   |
| 12% | Ambulance & other local (emergency) service assists                    |

Incident inside the County: 1 in total, assisted by neighbouring Fire Services in the Loch Gowna area.

Training

We completed the following training in April 2026:

- 5-day QQI Transportation Course for 12 firefighters
- 3-day RTC Refreshers Course for 12 firefighters



*Nationally accredited, QQI Transportation Course held in Virginia Fire Station*

Promotions & Campaigns

Cavan Fire Service participated in a road safety awareness event at Cavan Townhall, delivering a simulated road traffic collision scenario. The event also featured a keynote address by the local Station Officer.

This exercise formed part of a coordinated multi-agency initiative aimed at educating attendees on the immediate and long-term consequences of road traffic incidents, reinforcing the message that a single moment can have life-changing impacts.



*Cavan Town Brigade (CN11) & NAS – patient extrication from a car - demo*

Fire Prevention

| Application type           | Received | Deemed Invalid | Requested Additional Information | Inspected | Granted |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| FSC *                      | 5        |                |                                  |           | 4       |
| Revised FSC                |          |                |                                  |           | 2       |
| Regularisation Certificate | 1        |                |                                  |           |         |

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

- A joint inspection of a premises was carried out with CCC Planning Enforcement following receipt of a complaint. Subsequent to the inspection, correspondence was issued under Section 18(9) of the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003, identifying to the responsible person specific fire safety works required.
- One (1) licence notification was received, to which no objection was raised.

## Building Control

| Application type        | Received | Invalid | Requested Revised Information | Granted |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| DAC*                    | 4        |         | 1                             |         |
| Revised DAC*            | 1        |         |                               | 1       |
| Dispensation/Relaxation |          |         |                               |         |

*\*Disability Access Certificate*

## Commencement Notices for April 2026

Commencement Notices (CN) submitted: 21

- 11 Opt Out Declarations
- 5 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 4 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 1 Seven Day Notices

## Certificates Of Completion (CCC), processed in April 2026

- 5 New No of CCC submitted.
- 2 Required Revised Information.
- 7 Validated.
- 0 Invalidated.

## Civil Defence

In April Cavan Civil Defence completed the following.

### Six (6) Local duties

- East Breffni AC 10k Cootehill 1
- Wheelchair Patient Transport to Mater Hospital 1
- Stretcher Patient Transport St. Lukes Rathgar 1
- Black Dragon Kick Boxing Stradone 1
- CFR & Basic First Aid,  
for 31 Staff at St. Killian's National School Mullagh 1
- CFR for 65 TY Students at The Royal School 1



## Inter-agency events

- Fourteen (14) volunteers along with the Civil Defence Officer participated in an Evacuation Rest Centre training exercise in County Monaghan. The exercise was organised by the local Civil Defence Branch, with equipment supplied by Dublin Civil Defence.



***Evacuation  
rest centre  
training  
exercise –  
County  
Monaghan***

- As part of a national road safety campaign, delivered locally by Cavan County Council, Civil Defence personnel participated in the *One Split Second* road safety show held in Cavan Town Hall.



Working alongside the National Ambulance Service, the exercise demonstrated a coordinated multi-agency emergency response and provided key first aid lifesaving messages for those in attendance.



***Civil Defence first aid response demonstration – Road safety event***

## Training

- 3 volunteers successfully completed their Emergency First Responder (EFR), OSCE exams in Civil Defence HQ Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
- Re-certified 9 volunteers in Manual Handling.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, and will run until 31<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026.

The effective date for transfer of direct management of water services function to Uisce Éireann in Cavan County Council was September 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 a date which is fast approaching will see the culmination of Cavan County Council's provision of the Water Services function in regard to public water & wastewater.

## **Major Capital Projects**

### **ECI Wastewater Project Report**

#### **Uisce Éireann Project Stages**

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

The PSC has a multi-stage approvals process to facilitate the delivery of a capital project and UÉ aligns its own internal approvals process for its capital projects to these project lifecycle stages.

These stages must be adhered to and are subject to the appropriate procurement, planning, legal and environmental regulations.

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

### **Stage 1: Strategic Assessment**

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

### **Stage 2: Preliminary Business Case**

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

### **Stage 3: Final Business Case**

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

### **Stage 4: Implementation (Construction)**

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

#### Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2020 - 2024

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

#### ***Cavan Sites currently included;***

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

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

#### **Ballyjamesduff WWTP**

The planning application for the Ballyjamesduff WWTP upgrade Project was submitted and validated by our own Cavan County Council LA Planning Department - reference number 22145. A

notification of decision to grant was issued in November 2022 with full planning permission granted for the Project thereafter in January 2023. At present the guideline / estimated completion date for the Construction Phase of Ballyjamesduff WWTP is Q4 2025. The Ballyjamesduff Project reached Workshop 6 stage on 6th November 2023 – with a date for signing of Contracts between the relevant parties achieved in January 2024.

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

Start on site milestone was achieved in March 2024.

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

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

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

***Key milestones achieved during this reporting period***

- Complete Wet Commissioning of Phase 1A
- ESB return to site/positioning of Earth Mats outside ESB Sub-station
- Complete switch over of permanent ESB supply to new sub-station
- Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Drainage PS No 1
- Complete erection & connection of 2no Emergency Showers
- Commence Decommissioning of Settlement Tank No 1
- Complete structural survey of Settlement Tank No 1
- Complete electrical works in Sludge Thickening Kiosk
- Supply & Fit Access Platform to Sludge Holding Tank

**Key works planned for next reporting period**

- *Continue with Dry Commissioning at East End*
- *Continue with Odour Control Pipework*
- *Commence with Electrical works in Sludge Dewatering Build*
- *Complete Mech Works in Sludge Dewatering Build*
- *Continue with Decommissioning of Settlement Tank No 1*
- *Commence new civil works in Settlement Tank No 1*
- *Continue & complete O/S Mech works on Observation List*
- *Continue with Boundary fencing works*
- *Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Hybas/Anoxic/Selector cells*
- *Compete all snags on Shanette Kiosks*
- *Repainting of floor area in Sludge Thickening Room*

**Ballyjamesduff WWTP – Project Details in summary**

Existing design PE – 2,200

Proposed PE – 5,200

Planning submission date – April 2022

Planning Granted – January 2023

Construction started– June 2025

Substantial Completion – Early Q2 2027

**Estimated Investment €25 million**

**Virginia WWTP**

The Planning Application submission milestone for the Virginia Project took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The application was validated by our own Cavan County Council LA Planning Department - reference number 22489. The Planning Authority subsequently sought responses from the applicant by way of Requests for Further Information in early Q1 2023 and these responses were finalised and submitted by VWI / Design Team in August 2023. A notification of

decision to grant was issued earlier in October 2023 with full planning permission for the Project granted in November 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Key milestones achieved during this reporting period***

- ❖ *Process pipework ongoing.*
- ❖ *Ducting pipework ongoing.*
- ❖ *Dry commissioning ongoing.*
- ❖ *Hydra-tech drainage sump and valve chamber installed.*
- ❖ *ESB cable pulled into ESB sub-station.*
- ❖ *Switch gear and transformer installed in ESB sub-station.*
- ❖ *Process pipework to the poly room pressure tested.*
- ❖ *Chemical ducting installed from ferric bund to outlet of existing aeration tank and spur left out to service tertiary filter.*
- ❖ *560mm and 250mm rising mains complete.*
- ❖ *PVC pipe work in Polymer Prep. Room completed*

### **Key works planned for next reporting period**

- ❖ *Installation of stainless steel rising pipes to foul and storm sumps at the main pumping station. Benching of storm and foul sumps at main pumping station.*
- ❖ *Commence pipework from foul and storm sumps through valve chamber and through manifold chamber at the main pumping station.*
- ❖ *Pressure testing of 560mm and 250mm PE rising mains.*
- ❖ *Commence scaffolding about the existing sludge press building to allow civil works to proceed.*
- ❖ *GRP covers the flume channel and overflow chamber of CSO to be complete.*
- ❖ *Electrical installation to CSO chamber to commence.*
- ❖ *Panel delivery to MCC building at main pumping station.*
- ❖ *Water test of tertiary filter/outfall pumping station internal walls to have started.*
- ❖ *Water testing of Poly bunds in poly building.*
- ❖ *Water re-testing of Inlet works.*
- ❖ *Commence work to pipework/pillars between CSO and Inlet works.*
- ❖ *Dry commissioning ongoing, pattern test for aeration system to be done.*
- ❖ *ESB to switch on power to the new sub-station 15th May provisionally.*
- ❖ *Pressure Tests on Service Water System (PVC Pipe work).*
- ❖ *Welding of 630mm PE pipe and bends from outlet chamber of storm tanks to terminal chamber before discharging to 710mm PE outfall pipeline.*

### **Virginia WWTP – Project Details in summary**

Existing design PE – 2,000

Proposed PE – 6,000

Planning submission date – December 2022

Planning Granted – November 2023

Construction started – February 2024

Substantial Completion – Q2 2027

**Estimated Investment €33 million**

## **Kingscourt, Cootehill & Bailieborough WWTP Upgrade Projects**

### **Project Summaries – Current Estimated Timelines**

#### **Bailieborough WWTP – Project Details**

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

Proposed PE – 5,500

Planning submission date – July 2025

Planning Granted - October 2025

Estimated Construction starts – Q3 2026

Substantial Completion (30 months) – Q1 2029

#### **Kingscourt WWTP – Project Details**

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

Proposed PE – 5,700

**Planning submission date – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

Contract Signing – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

#### **Cootehill WWTP – Project Details\***

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

Proposed PE – 5,200 with sludge processing

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q2 2026

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Proposed WWDL date – After planning application submission

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

### **Ballinagh**

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

### **Mullagh**

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

## **Drinking Water Infrastructure Investment County Cavan**

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

## **Cavan Rural Water Update**

The **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021** was launched on February 8th, 2019, and all projects bar two are now complete. Completion of the remaining two is imminent. Submissions

were made for funding towards fifty-one specific projects on behalf of 27 Schemes or scheme bundles, totalling **€2,107,016.35**.

### **Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026**

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 **€330,150.48** have been issued to applicants with **€139,133.63** 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.

## 10. Local Enterprise Office

### LEO Cavan

**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** – 13 mentoring assignments have been approved in May to date, primarily in the areas of business strategy, finance, sales, marketing and new product development.

**Cavan Women in Business Network** – A strong turnout is expected for the upcoming Cavan Women in Business Network meeting on 10th June, which will feature high-profile business author Barry Winkless. Barry will deliver a keynote presentation titled “*Mindset for Growth: Leading Your Business into the Future*”, focusing on the value of collaboration and forward-thinking business strategies.

The event will also include short presentations from ten members, each outlining their respective businesses. All participants have previously availed of a range of LEO supports and continue to engage proactively with LEO initiatives in support of their ongoing development and growth. Initial planning has commenced for the National Women’s Enterprise Day event, scheduled for 15th October. The event will highlight and celebrate leading female entrepreneurs at both local and national levels.

### **CBWN met the Governor of the Central bank**

As part of his regional engagement and outreach programme for 2026, Governor [Gabriel Makhoul](#) visited Cavan in May, the Governor hosted a dinner with the [Cavan Women in Business Network](#) and members of [Local Enterprise Office Cavan](#), engaging in an open and insightful discussion on the challenges and opportunities facing SMEs in the Cavan area.

**Green for Business Programme** – LEO Cavan approved 10 applications in May 2026.

**Lean for Business Programme** – LEO Cavan approved 1 application in May 2026.

**Energy Efficiency Grant** – LEO Cavan approved 2 applications in May 2026.

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

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

**Created In Cavan Food & Drink Network** – "Burren Bites, A Taste Of Time" a collaborative event with the Geopark and Tourism, will take place on June 7th. Geopark Ambassadors will welcome guests to explore the stunning Geopark while enjoying a six-course tasting menu, featuring ingredients from 20 producers across Cavan and Fermanagh — including 16 from the Created in Cavan network.

The Network is currently developing a pilot "Cavan Food Tour" to be delivered in Cavan Town, showcasing a range of local produce and key points of interest within the area. It is anticipated that the first public tour will take place in mid-July.

### **National Student Enterprise Awards**

The annual Student Enterprise Awards were held in Mullingar on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

From an initial 30,000 participants, over 200 students representing 88 student-run businesses made it through to the final stage of the Student Enterprise Programme. Sean Duffy (Duffy Designs) from Virginia College represented Cavan in the Senior Enterprise Category. Evie Mahood from the Royal School Cavan represented the County in Junior Category with her enterprise "Wood Creations"

### **National Enterprise Awards**

Entrants from over 16 counties gave their pitch over two days during the adjudication for the National Competition in the Slieve Russell Hotel, Co. Cavan. The National Enterprise Awards are one of several initiatives that the Local Enterprise Offices run, to foster entrepreneurship across the country.

Local company IO Agri made it through to the national final in the Mansion House, Dublin on 18<sup>th</sup> June representing Cavan.

**Cavan Craft Collective** – The Cavan Craft Collective received ten membership applications as part of its annual membership drive in May. These applications are scheduled to be reviewed by an independent adjudication panel on Friday, 5th June.

In addition, the Collective is currently planning an exhibition to take place during August Craft Month.

**Cavan Connects** – LEO Cavan attended the Cavan Connects Innovation Conference on 27 May which took place in Town Hall Cavan, which was also attended by Niamh Smyth TD, Minister of State for Trade Promotion, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation and was organised by our colleague Daniel Peeters.

Local Enterprise Office staff engaged with attendees and provided information and promotional literature on the full suite of LEO supports available to businesses.

Client company QuotesForIt, supported by LEO, also presented at the event, showcasing their business and innovation journey

**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. The Manager of Cavan Digital Hub attended the **Cavan Connects**

**Innovation Conference** on 27 May, highlighting the facilities offered to digital businesses in the County

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.

### ***Leo Cavan 2026 Business Management Development Programme***

Business Management Development Programme (MDP). The programme commenced on the 6th May and will be delivered weekly over 7. Each week has a different tutor and covers a different business-related topic which will include

- Strategy – vision setting, positioning, competitive advantage
  - Business Planning – road mapping, KPIs, execution discipline
  - Finance & Cost Control – cashflow, pricing, margins, funding
  - HR, Recruitment & Leadership – contracts, culture, performance management
  - Operations, Digital & Automation – efficiency, systems, workflows
  - Marketing, SEO & social media / Pitching & Presentation Skills
- The final module will involve a pitch presentation from each participating business, with a judging panel and an overall programme winner announced.

It is anticipated that by the end of the MDP, participants will:

- Have a clear and actionable growth strategy for their business
  - Strengthen financial control, planning, and decision-making capabilities
  - Improve leadership, operational efficiency, and marketing effectiveness
  - Develop confidence and competence in pitching and presenting their business
- All participants who complete the programme will receive a Certificate of Completion for the Business MDP.

Gillian Madden Senior Enterprise Development Manager Local Enterprise Office Cavan who developed the course confirmed 10 businesses from across the county and from across all aspects of business and industry at moving into their 5 weeks of the 7-week course. Attendees have been hugely enthusiastic with some businesses bringing two owners/directors each week. The time commitment is high but the willingness to participate among the attendees has been fantastic. We look forward to celebrating on Week 7 where attendees will be presented with a Certificate of Participation in the Business Management Development Programme run by LEO Cavan 2026. We also will have a surprise Motivational Guest Speaker and will have a competition to award the best Pitch to one of the 10 businesses.



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