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Report of the Chief Executive

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

Reporting Period 1st to 30th September 2026

BACKGROUND CONTEXT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1. Housing

1.1 Social Housing Capital Investment Programme – New Build.

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

New Build Units completed in 2025: 119 Units.

New Build Units completed to date in 2026: 40 Units.

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

The Councils current new build programme consists of 19No. housing schemes for 340 Units, at various stages of planning, design, and construction.

9No. Schemes for 120 Units are currently under construction

45 Units at Páirc na Teile, Bailieborough:

2 Units at Oak Tree Park, Swellan, Cavan:

Units are under construction and due for completion in Q4'2026.

13 Units at Chapel Lane, Town Centre, Cootehill

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

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

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

9 Units at Widows Row, Belturbet:

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

7 Units at “The Palais”, Belturbet:

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

10 Units at Coolkill, Kilnaleck:

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

10 Units at Clankee Court, Shercock;

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

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

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

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

7 Units at Kilnavara Lane, Cavan Town:

This scheme is at the construction tender stage.

3 Units at Aughnaskerry, Cavan Town:

This scheme is at the construction tender stage.

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

This scheme has received Stage 2 approval from the Department.

Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

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

A Stage 2 application was approved by the Department on 3 March.

Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

16 Units at Páirc Phádraig Uí Raghallaigh, Ballyjamesduff:

complete. Single Stage Application made to the Department.

Preliminary Design

44 Units at Lios na Rí, Munnilly, Cootehill:

Tendering for the construction stage is in progress.

20 Units at Crossdoney Road, Ballinagh:

Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation is nearing completion.

20 Units at Kells Road, Kingscourt:

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

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

Approval in Principle received from the Department.

The next stage is to finalise contract documentation for the construction stage.

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

Approval in Principle received from the Department.

The next stage is to finalise contract documentation for the construction stage.

1.2 Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme

Strategic acquisitions only i.e. must be to meet a specific need e.g. disability.

To date in 2026, one acquisition has been completed and three others are progressing.

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

64 Units, Riverpark, Swellan, Cavan: Respond.

These units are to be delivered in two final Phases, firstly in Q4'2026 and final phase Q1'2027.

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

These units are to be delivered in Q3'2026.

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

These units are to be delivered in Q4'2026.

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

1.4 Programme of Works to Vacant Units

In 2026, **52No.** vacant units have been refurbished and returned to use.

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

- Moylett, Bailieborough
- Monelta Stradone
- 16 Breffni Terrace, Cavan

Work is on-going returning a further **14No.** vacant units back to use.

- 26 Fay Crescent, Belturbet
- 8 Furnaceland, Swanlinbar
- 2 Stradone Village
- 28 Tullacmongan, Cavan
- 82 Woodview, Bailieborough
- 2 Tycusker, Arva
- 39 kilconny, Belturbet
- 25 Seangharrai, Ballinagh
- 77 Sean Lee Drive, Belturbet
- 24 Ard na Greine, Cavan
- 25 Wolfetone Street, Cavan
- 23 Lodge View, Cootehill
- Carha, Stradone
- 61 College Street, Cavan

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

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

- 1) The inclusion of one additional property to be made available for rent.
- 2) Property eligibility date to include properties built up to/ including 2007.
- 3) Maximum grant up to €50,000, with up to €70,000 available for derelict properties.
- 4) Additional funding of up €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	714
• Number of Applications to provide further information	50
• Number of Applications approved in principle to date	547
• Number of Grants Applications Paid to Date	208

1.6 2026 Private Housing Adaption Grants

Summary 2025 @ 30.09.2026

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 30.09.2026

Grants paid	(old scheme) 14	153,040
	(new scheme) 146	1,451,311
In process of payment	New scheme 40	465,106
Approved	New scheme 293	3,435,208
The total committed expenditure at 30.09.2026 is €5,504,665		

2. Roads & Transportation

2.1 National Road Major & Minor Schemes

N3 Butlersbridge Belturbet:

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

N3 Virginia Bypass:

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

Site investigation fieldworks and reporting are complete.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

N55 Realignment (Corduff to South of Killydoon)

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

During the reporting period, final agreement was reached with the Consultant regarding the approach to addressing the remaining TII observations on the Phase 7 close-out deliverables. Supporting documentation has been reviewed and compiled, including project governance records associated with the implementation phase. The Consultant has advised that a revised Final Account Report is expected by end of September.

Subject to receipt of the revised Final Account Report and completion of a final review by Cavan County Council, the close-out submission package, including the Final Account Report, Project Close-Out Report, Gate Review Statement and supporting documentation, is expected to be formally submitted to TII during early October 2026 to facilitate Phase 7 approval and formal project close-out.

Section B (Ballytrust to Mullahoran)

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

Construction: Construction is complete, with Substantial Completion certified on 13 December 2024. All instructed outstanding works were substantially completed in October 2025. A significant project milestone will be reached during the next reporting period on expiry of the extended Defects Notification Period. Subject to closure of any remaining minor matters, release of the outstanding retention balance is anticipated, and the Consultant expects to progress determination of the final account and close-out of the remaining claims.

Road Safety Audit: No material change during the reporting period. The RSA Feedback Form remains under review by the Audit Team and, following sign-off, the documentation will be uploaded to the TII RSA Portal to facilitate close-out of the Stage 3 RSA process. No issues of concern remain outstanding.

Supervision and Handover: During the reporting period, Tetra Tech (formerly RPS) advised that a draft Final Account Report has been prepared, with a small number of values relating to the final instructed works remaining to be incorporated. The Consultant has also commenced preparation of the Project Close-Out Report and engagement with Cavan County Council is ongoing in relation to the structure and content of the report and other remaining Phase 6 and Phase 7 deliverables.

Land Acquisition / CPO: Progress continued in relation to the remaining land acquisition and conveyancing matters during the reporting period. Engagement continued with the parties, their legal representatives and the Council's Law Agent regarding completion of outstanding legal and conveyancing requirements associated with the remaining cases. The Roads Design Office continues to progress the Land Disposal Strategy Report, which is expected to be finalised following resolution of the remaining land disposal matters.

Archaeology: Correspondence took place during the reporting period regarding completion of the final outstanding item under the archaeology contract, namely publication of the Story Map/dissemination piece. The TII Project Archaeologist has sought an update from ACSU with a view to progressing the final contract payment and closure of the archaeology contract.

Financial: No material change during the reporting period. No further payment certificates were issued. Subject to expiry of the Defects Notification Period and finalisation of the final account, it is anticipated that the final request for adjustment of funding will be prepared and submitted to TII during the next reporting period.

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

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

The N55 Ballinagh Traffic Relief Scheme

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

Consultancy Services:

Phase 0 (Strategic Assessment Report) was completed in Q2 2023, with approval to proceed to Phase 1 granted by TII in July 2023. Sweco Ireland Ltd were appointed in September 2024 under a 45-month contract to progress the scheme through Phases 1 to 4. Design Team meetings between Cavan County Council and the Consultant continue on a bi-weekly basis, with the next meeting scheduled for 29 September 2026. A Phase 2 Options Selection workshop was held during the reporting period to review the findings of the Stage 2 appraisal process and progress the Scheme towards identification of a Preferred Option.

Progress:

During the reporting period, the Consultant continued to develop the Phase 2 Options Report and supporting assessments. The draft Options Report is now at an advanced stage of development, with environmental reporting completed and incorporated into the appraisal process.

Engagement also took place during the reporting period with the TII Project Archaeologist regarding the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Cultural Heritage Assessments, which are currently under review. A follow-up meeting is scheduled during the next reporting period to discuss any archaeological matters arising prior to finalisation of the Phase 2 Options Report.

Subject to completion of the remaining reviews and assessments, it is anticipated that the Phase 2 Options Report will be finalised during October 2026, with publication of the Preferred Option anticipated during November 2026.

Public Engagement:

No material change during the reporting period. Two rounds of public consultation have been completed to date and submissions received continue to inform the Phase 2 assessment process. Further public engagement will be undertaken following completion of Phase 2, focusing on presentation of the Emerging Preferred Option.

Works Ongoing:

- Finalisation of the Phase 2 Options Selection appraisal and Options Report.
- Completion of cultural heritage and archaeological reviews.
- Identification and publication of the Preferred Option.
- Preparation of Phase 2 deliverables for submission to TII.

2.2 National Road Safety Schemes

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

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

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

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

Clandillon Civil Consultants are progressing 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 late 2027/early 2028.

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

N3 Virginia to Carrakeelty More (Maghera)

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

The Scheme consists of the following works:

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

Landowner agreements were secured in 2025 allowing the scheme to progress. RPS Consulting Engineers submitted a design report to TII, which was subsequently approved. A tender competition for the construction works was published on eTenders in November 2025. S. Wilkin and Sons Ltd submitted the most economically advantageous tender and was awarded the contract. Construction commenced in April 2026 and was substantially completed at the end of September 2026.

NP/NS Retrofit Fencing 2026

Cavan County Council has identified three locations along the N3 National Road Network that are suitable for retrofit works. A tender competition for these works has completed and awarded to S. Wilkin & Sons Ltd. Works are scheduled to commence in the coming weeks.

Vehicle Restraint System (Safety Barriers) Programme

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

2.3 National Road Pavement Overlay Schemes

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

Emergency Pavement Scheme (EPS) and HD28 Sites

EPS

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

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

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

Breedon Surfacing Solutions provided the most economically advantageous tender, were awarded a contract, and commenced work in late August and completed the sites at N3 Drumahurk & Cornaslieve. It is anticipated that the remaining EPS site will be complete in October.

HD28 Sites

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

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

A tender competition for resurfacing works at these locations was advertised in March, with submissions closing on 26th March. P. Keenan Quarries submitted the most economically advantageous tender and was subsequently awarded the contract. However, the contractor subsequently withdrew.

Subsequently, Cavan County Council have awarded the contract to Roadstone with the agreed start date of the 27th of October.

2.4 Regional and Local Roads

Strategic Regional and Local Road Schemes:

R188 Rathkenny East – West

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

incorporating the feedback received from the SAR report and utilising the new Department of Transport Regional and Local Road Appraisal Guidelines.

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

Specific Improvement Schemes

L3504/R191 Canningstown Bridge Widening and Junction Improvement Works

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

Cavan County Council tendered for Design Consultants in February 2025 with a return date of 14th March 2025. Tenders have been returned and assessed, and Design ID Consulting Engineers from County Down were appointed on 21st August. The preliminary design stage commenced on 24th September 2025 and is continuing at present. Cavan County Council are liaising with the Department of Transport regarding draft solutions that will address both hydraulic and geometric layout issues while also keeping local landowners informed. Any proposed solution to the hydraulic issues will also require OPW section 50 approval. An allocation of €120,000 was granted this year for the scheme.

Regional & Local Road Safety Schemes:

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

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

	Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	
R165	R165 West of Bailieborough, Co. Cavan.	€35,000
R165	R165 Main Street, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan.	€27,500
		€440,000

Regional & Local Road Bridge Projects:

Cavan County Council have been notified of an allocation of €620,000 in Grant Allocations for Regional & Local Road Bridges for 2026 with a further €50,000 incentivised funding for completing of Bridge Inspections. There are 12 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

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 1 which consists of Monaghanoose bridge & Millstream bridge went out to tender on 09th of February with a return date of 24th of February and this contract has been awarded to McCabe Group. These bridges are both box culvert replacements and Section 50 consent for both these structures have been obtained from the OPW. Construction works for both bridges are now substantially complete.

Cavan County Council Bridge Rehabilitation bundle 2 which consists of Old bridge, Lavey bridge, Drumroragh bridge and Treehoo Cross bridge went out to tender on 25th of February with a return date of 11th of March and this contract has been awarded to Truir Construction. Bridge rehabilitation works on all 4 bridges is substantially complete.

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 09th of April with a return date of 24th of April and this contract has been awarded to McCabe Group. Rehabilitation works on Crosskeys bridge, Garvalt Upper bridge and Termon Double Clapper bridge are substantially complete whilst rehabilitation works on Bellaboy bridge is currently ongoing and nearing completion.

Deramfield Bridge Rehabilitation contract went out to tender on 19th June and came back in on 03rd July and has been awarded to McCabe Group. Rehabilitation works are now substantially complete.

Carrick Bridge Rehabilitation contract went out to tender on 8th May and came back in on 22nd May and has been awarded to McCabe Group. Rehabilitation works are due to commence early October.

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 three sections.

The Active Travel Scheme for Station Road, Cootehill is being delivered across three distinct sections.

Section 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.

Section 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 Q4 2026.

Section 3 extends from St. Michael's Church to the Courthouse. Cavan County Council has engaged with the NTA Project Manager and agreement has been reached on the provision of a shared path along this section. The scheme drawings have been approved by the NTA, and the project is now ready to proceed to the Section 38 process and tender stage. Engagement has also taken place with An Post regarding a minor land acquisition of approximately 23 m² to address a pinch point; agreement in principle has been reached. The scheme was presented at the recent Bailieborough–Cootehill Municipal District meeting and was well received. Councillor Carmel Brady is arranging a meeting with the Cootehill Business Chamber to brief stakeholders on the proposals, and this was well received. Section 38 planning was advertised and no submissions were received. The scheme was advertised on www.supplygov.ie. CCC have carried out a tender assessment and letter of intent sent to the successful contractor. CCC submitting gateway approval forms to NTA on PRS

Bus Station to Cavan Hospital Active Travel Scheme

Tobin Consulting Engineers is progressing the scheme through Phases 2, 3 and 4 and is preparing the necessary tender and Section 38 documentation. To facilitate delivery within current funding and programme constraints, Cavan County Council is proposing to phase the scheme, with the section from Rudden's Service Station to the existing Kepak crossing proceeding first. This section includes approximately 450m of shared pedestrian and cycle facilities, new footpaths, traffic calming measures, a pedestrian crossing and SuDS infrastructure.

The remaining section from Kepak/McCarron's to Cavan General Hospital will continue through detailed design in parallel. During design development, discrepancies were identified in the existing topographical survey data, with level differences of between 300mm and 1m recorded at several locations. As the route is being designed within a constrained corridor and to tight tolerances to achieve the target 3m shared path width, a new topographical survey is required to ensure an accurate and robust design. The topo information to be received this week and Tobin's to make 3 D model of scheme and have split the scheme into 5 packs to co-inside with accelerating and delivery of scheme. Stage ½ RSA has been carried out and review comments sent back.

Loreto school to Cavan Town Active Travel Scheme

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

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

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

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

Cavan Urban Greenway

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

OCSC have finalised the design of the drawings showing the optimum design solution, taking into account the challenging site geometry and the operational requirements of the Mart. A key consideration has been maintaining and protecting access to the workshop building while ensuring the Greenway alignment delivers a safe, practical and sustainable long-term solution. CNCC to meet with the manager of mart to reach agreement to proceed to Part 8 Planning.

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.

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

SRTS Round 3 - Mullahoran NS. HSRR

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

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

Tobin's are currently developing a suite of layout options and are nearing completion of this stage. The project is expected to progress shortly to Phase 3 (Preliminary Design). The overall design approach has been agreed with the school; CNCC have met with the owner of the Applegreen service station and have agreed in principle the design layout maximising the forecourt parking area and set down area. A peer review is taking place to discuss and finalise this. Tobin's preparing gateway reports to proceed to Phase 3 and Phase 4.

SRTS Round 3 - Saint Patrick's National School

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

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

Cavan Town Centre Active Travel connections

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

Cavan Local Transport Plan

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

The ABTA will inform the Cavan Local Transport Plan (LTP), which is expected to demonstrate how high-quality planning, urban design, and implementation can rejuvenate the town centre. A central ambition of the plan is to position Cavan as a 'Low Carbon Town Centre' by reducing car dependency, enhancing the public realm, and promoting a diverse mix of uses within the town core. DBFL has developed a base transport model using current traffic flow data and surveys. This model will be used to forecast future traffic growth, assess the impact of land use scenarios, and evaluate potential road network interventions.

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

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

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

Virginia - Rampart River footbridge Active Travel Measures

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

The assessment and design of these additional permeability links were not included within the original scope of services commissioned with AECOM. Following engagement between Cavan County Council and AECOM, a detailed scope of services was prepared by the Council to facilitate the extension of the preliminary design, and AECOM has subsequently submitted a fee proposal for the additional work. Following further discussions, the NTA has requested that Cavan County Council undertake additional on-site investigations to assess ground conditions, site levels, the feasibility and buildability of the proposed connections, and to identify any additional links that may be required to maximise the benefits of the scheme. The outcome of this assessment will inform the next stage of design development and engagement with the NTA.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Cavan County Council's Active Travel Team is working in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to deliver improvements at a number of bus stop locations throughout the county in 2026.

As part of the current Bus Stop Enhancement Programme, several locations are progressing through the design and approval stages, with Road Safety Audits (RSAs) currently underway. The locations demonstrating the strongest potential for delivery in the current programme include Shercock, Crosskeys, Kingscourt and Ballyhaise.

In addition, Lavey, Drung, Lower Swellan and Killydoon have now been added to the actively planned programme. Designs for these locations are currently being finalised and are awaiting completion of the Road Safety Audit process. An additional bus stop enhancement project in Ballyhaise has also been added and will be progressed alongside the other schemes.

Shercock

In Shercock, improvements are proposed at the existing bus stop locations at the lower end of the town. The scheme includes the installation of two new bus shelters and the construction of a new bus lay-by, providing enhanced safety and comfort for public transport users.

Crosskeys

The proposed works in Crosskeys comprise upgrades to two existing bus stops. Both stops are being designed as online bus stops and will include new shelters together with improved footpath

infrastructure. Agreement has been reached with the landowner, and permission has been secured, allowing the project to progress with the aim of commencing works in Q4 2026.

Kingscourt

In Kingscourt, two new bus shelters are proposed adjacent to the existing bus 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 proposed Greenway extension beyond Kingspan. The proposals also include the provision of associated bus lay-bys.

Ballyhaise

In Ballyhaise, the proposal has now been confirmed and will provide for two new bus shelters located near Annalee Manor. These works will enhance accessibility and comfort for public transport users within the village.

Drung

A scheme has been designed in Drung to improve pedestrian safety through the provision of a new pedestrian crossing, extended footpaths and two new bus shelters.

Lower Swellan

At Lower Swellan, engagement has taken place with local landowners and agreement has been reached on suitable locations for the proposed infrastructure. Designs have been completed for two new bus shelters together with upgraded footpath connections.

Lavey

At Lavey, adjacent to the Lavey Inn, a design has been completed which includes an upgraded pedestrian crossing, enhanced footpaths and the provision of new bus shelters, significantly improving access and safety for public transport users.

These projects form part of Cavan County Council's ongoing commitment, in partnership with the NTA, to improve public transport accessibility, promote sustainable travel and enhance safety for pedestrians and public transport users across County Cavan.

Kingscourt Town Permeability Link to Navan-Kingscourt Greenway

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

PMCE is continuing to progress this phase, with consultants actively developing the preliminary design. A small section of the route required additional topographical survey, which has now been successfully completed in-house to support the design process. Geological investigations have also been completed. Cavan County Council met with landowners and had a very productive meeting and agreement in principle reached to develop the scheme. The landowners are very supportive of the scheme. Preparation of landowner folio drawings is ongoing, and environmental screening of the preferred route is currently being undertaken. Part 8 Planning drawings are also being prepared.

R4 SRTS Scoil Mhuire NS Swanlinbar

An Taisce 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 Aidan's NS Bawnboy

CNCC met with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Officer, Municipal District Engineer, and the school Principal to present the proposed delivery plan and scope of works. The detailed design currently being finalised for submission to the NTA for approval. CNCC had to source a small element of the scheme for the retaining wall element. The detail drawings are well underway and a Stage ½ RSA underway. CNCC to submit all gateway documents to NTA for approval and tender this scheme on www.supplygov.ie. Subject to approval, it is intended that the scheme will progress to construction and delivery in Q4 2026.

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 8th of October 2025 and is available to view on the project's website at www.sln-cr-greenway.com

Cavan North West Greenway

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

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

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

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

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

2.7 Cavan Town Flood Relief Scheme:

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

Works on the Ground Investigation contract are ongoing. Follow on additional GI works locations have been identified and works at these locations are set to be carried out in Q4 2026 with the final GI report now expected to be delivered in Q1 2027.

The final Baseline Hydraulics report resubmission is programmed for delivery in Q3. This will finalise the baseline Hydraulics and Hydrology elements of the scheme development.

Options Development is progressing. Three Options development workshops have been held throughout the previous number of months in order to develop measures into a suite of Options that will be progressed to detailed options assessment stage (i.e MCA process, cost estimates, environmental assessment).

The 'top up' environmental surveys for Bats, Otters, Breeding Birds and Aquatic Ecology have been procured. Ash Ecology have completed the Bats Survey in Sept. Surveys windows for Wintering Birds and Otters open in October with these surveys scheduled to commence Q4 2026.

Envirico have been reappointed, following a competitive tendering process, to carry out the surveying and treatment of Invasive Species at all proposed works locations within the scheme area. The survey and treatment report is due Q4 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.

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

Stage 1 of the pre-qualification process for the Civils Works contract are at draft stage, and this competition will be run through etenders/OJEU Q4 2026.

Approval from the RRDF (rural regeneration development fund) is required before CCC can proceed with the next stage of the 2-stage tendering process. This application is now ready for submission to the RRDF for approval.

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

Tender documents were developed to procure an Integrated Design Team to commence work in delivering the Bailieborough town centre Regeneration Scheme. This tender was published on etenders on 19th June and the deadline for receipt of tenders was Friday Aug 8th at noon.

Six submissions were received in total which have now been reviewed and assessed. The Tender assessment report has been completed and notifications to tenderers will be issued in due course.

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 was undertaken with An Garda Síochána and relevant technical staff across the Municipal Districts. An update on the review was presented to the Transportation SPC at the end of April 2026. Workshops on the proposed speed limit changes within urban areas were subsequently held with the elected members at Municipal District level during May 2026.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Garda Commissioner were formally notified in early June 2026 of the review and were issued with the proposed schedule of draft byelaws.

The public consultation phase of the Special Speed Limit Review took place between 16 July and 14 August 2026. A report on the submissions received is currently being presented to the Municipal Districts for their consideration and feedback.

Subject to satisfactory progression through the statutory process, it is intended that the revised Special Speed Limit Byelaws will be brought before the Council for adoption before the end of 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 Síochána, 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.

3.0 MD Updates

Cavan Belturbet MD

Current Works:

- Community Involvement Scheme, Cordressogagh and Tullynamoyle, Dowra
- Climate Adaptation Scheme, R200 Bellavally, Glangevlin
- 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	Substantially completed, Line Marking outstanding
R	R-212-1	Ballyhaise Road, Cavan	RI	Road Reconstruction	Substantially completed, Line Marking and ironwork outstanding
LT	L-15083-0	Derryna Lane (Tirliffin)	RI	Road Reconstruction	Completed
LT	L-10493-0	Derrycassan	RI	Road Reconstruction	Completed
LP	L-1069-0	Whitefield Cross to Ardlougher (Phase 2)	RI	Road Reconstruction	Substantially completed, Line Marking outstanding
LP	L-1025-0	Eagle Hill, Road, Corlough	RI	Road Reconstruction	Completed
LS	L-5591-0	Castle Hill, Belturbet	OR RI	Road Reconstruction	Substantially completed, Line Marking and ironwork outstanding
LT	L-20122-0 & L-20122-1	Old Cathedral Road, Cavan	OR RI	Road Reconstruction	In progress

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 Wedlock's 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 Galoblie to Kilinkere (Galbolie cross to Dromore rd.)	In Progress
L75781	Relagh beg	From R191 Kells Road to Gargan's 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 Connolly's corner to Drumore Estate	Not Commenced

Ballyjamesduff MD

Current Works:

- Surface Dressing complete
- Pothole repairs
- Drainage repairs
- Task List items
- Street cleaning and emptying bins
- Emergency slope stabilisation works to R199 Drummora – Climate Action
- Drainage works on R198 Corr – Climate Action
- Emergency drainage and embankment works on R194 Aghouteroery

RI Roadworks Programme 2026

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

*Pending line marking and HFS

[#] pending line marking

3. Environment and Waste Management

3.1 Dog Warden Service

- Number of dog complaints received September - 18
- Number of Dog Licences issued September 2026 – 625 (613 Annual and 12 Lifetime) up to 30th September.

3.2 Litter Management/Enforcement

- 3 No. complaints (Litter only) recorded for September 2026
- 4 No. Litter Fines issued during the period September 2026

3.3 Parking Control, Environmental Awareness & Education and Litter Prevention

- Promotion via Cavan social media:
 - Anti Litter Campaign 2026.
 - Let's Fix Fashion campaign promoted to encourage Schools in Cavan to register.
 - Collaboration with Louth re Hazardous Waste Collections in Ardee
 - ReLove Fashion programme promoted.
- Anti Litter Anti Graffiti 2026 Grant scheme launched.
- Anti Dumping Initiative ongoing.
- Parking App for Cavan County Council tender being assessed.
- Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF 26) opened for applications.

3.4 Waste Enforcement September 2026

Month	Inspection Type	Number Completed
Sept 2026	No. of Waste Facility Permit inspections 6.1.1	8
Sept 2026	No. of COR private 6.1.3	4
Sept 2026	No. of LA COR 6.1.4	60
Sept 2026	No. of Multi-agency inspections 6.1.5	4
Sept 2026	No. of Haz waste 6.1.6	1
Sept 2026	No. of C&D Handling Sites 6.1.7	2

Sept 2026	No. of ATF's authorised under ELV regs	1
Sept 2026	Unauthorised C&D (sites with no permit) 6.2.2	4
Sept 2026	No. of Unauth ELVs sites 6.2.3	2
Sept 2026	No. of Unauth Tyre Dumping 6.2.4	1
Sept 2026	No. Article 27 Inspections 6.2.10	2
Sept 2026	No. of WEEE 6.8.10	4
Sept 2026	No. of Battery 6.8.2	4
Sept 2026	No. of Farm plastics 6.8.4	5
Sept 2026	No. of Packaging SMP 6.8.6	3
Sept 2026	No. of Inspections (env) in advance of grant/refusal of planning permission 6.9.2	11
	Total No inspection for Waste Management	116

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

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 3261

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 1553

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 978

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

3.6 Total Number of Materials Recycled at Civic Amenity Sites tonnes (157.002)

Corranure Civic Amenity Site: 84.94

Bailieborough Civic Amenity Site: 43.79

Ballyconnell Civic Amenity Site: 28.272

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

3.7 Bring centres

Total amount of materials recycled at 32 bring Centres **August – 167.48 Tonnes (including Repak)**

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

3.8 Planning Application

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

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

- 2 queries relating to grant applications for septic tanks.
- DWWA Citizen Engagement action - article published in print and on social media.
- DWWA info on website checked.
- 2026 DWWA's NIP programme completed.
- 6 site inspections relation to 2026 NIP.
- Letters issued to homeowners in relation to 2026 NIP inspection.
- Phone calls received and made to homeowners in relation to NIP inspection.

- 1 proposal approval under High Objective National Inspection Plan for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems.
- Public Consultation commenced on the draft NIP for 2027-2031.

3.10 Discharge Licences – Section 4

- 20 letters issued regarding discharge licence compliance status
- 6 samples taken
- 1 facility inspected (referred from environmental complaints)
- 3 Compliance certificate issued to homeowners.
- Liaising with law agent regarding non compliant Licences.
- Contact made with residents relating to a discharge licence site.
- Liaising with new site owner regarding discharge licence application.
- Review of discharge licence activity tracker.
- Review of 2026 discharge licenced schedule.
- Review of discharge licence monitoring programme for 2026.

3.11 Water, Air and Noise Complaints

- 1 Water pollution complaint received and investigated.
- 1 Enforcement letter issued for agricultural complaint.
- 2 Water pollution complaints closed.
- 5 Inspections of premises following pollution complaints received.
- 2 noise pollution complaint received, investigated (guidance issued) and closed.
- 1 noise warning email/letter issued.
- 1 Section 12 proposal approval.

3.12 Farm Inspections

- 22 farm inspection undertaken.
- 3 compliant NAIP letter issued.
- 3 enforcement NAIP letters issued.
- Notification Letters of NAIP inspections for Blackwater (Kells)_060 and 070.
- Presentation by CCC Inspector to National Agri Case Study Event

3.13 Water Monitoring

- 30 THM drinking water group water scheme samples.
- 8 Group water scheme check samples.
- 10 Group water scheme investigative samples taken.
- 2 Group water scheme Audit samples taken.
- 9 Small private supply check samples taken.
- 3 NDMA samples taken. 12 emails issued to HSE regarding non-compliant results.
- 21 emails issued to Group Water Schemes regarding non-compliant results.
- 8 Well Grant Inspections undertaken.
- 20 River and Lake samples taken.

3.14 Air

- 1 VOC cert issued.
- 1 Air Licence Inspection carried out.
- 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.

3.15 Energy Management

- Review of monthly bills, compare & disseminate info.
- Energy and Carbon Management Working Group Quarterly Meeting.
- Maintain procedure for monthly monitoring of energy usage.
- Maintain procedure for frequent meter reads.
- Weekly input from the OGP on the weekly electricity unit prices as per current national contract.
- Liaising with Energia in relation to CCC's account and the various sites operating within same, includes disconnections, reassigning budget allocations and new additions to the account.
- Ongoing staff energy awareness raising in relation to energy efficiency.
- Progressing with Design Team appointed as per SEAI Pathfinder project for Building Energy Retrofit Plan.

3.16 Climate Action

- District Heating Feasibility Stage 2 Meetings.
- Interpret and present data from solar provider for 10 main energy use buildings.
- Progression of DZ Zone Implementation Group.
- Planning and Development of inaugural Cavan Climate Festival, EcoFéile 23-25 October.
- Meeting with Section Heads and Officer to gain insight to past and future work programmes to provide assistance where possible and ensure updates are noted on MS Planner.
- Investigating and disseminating information on possible external funding sources for projects such as LIFE and Nature Based Solutions.
- Progression of EU led, Pathways 2 Resilience Project, developing innovative evidence based projects to improve Climate Resilience#.
- Completion of EUCF Feasibility Study focusing on Fleet decarbonisation and EV Charging points throughout the Country. Progression on-going towards phased implementation.
- Completion of District Heating Feasibility Study and scoping of options for future progression.
- Projects under Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme have commenced delivery and site visits are ongoing. CCC has received funding of €489,000 to deliver 15 community climate action projects. Project have until October 2027 for completion.
- Meeting with Biodiversity Officer to assist and guide projects with biodiversity elements being delivered under CCAP phase 2.
- Projects under Phase 1 of CCAP are complete and final drawdown and project reporting are being prepared for submission to DCEE.
- Continued engagement with Cavan GAA Clubs under Green Clubs Programme.

3.17 Miscellaneous

- Liaising with IFI and EPA re algal bloom.
- Review of RMCEI Plan, EPA evaluation and 2026 targets.
- Review of National Fish Kill Protocol and info disseminated to relevant staff.
- Review and updates to CCC website.
- Completion of CCC Water Plan and Action Tracker with submission to RBMS.
- Completion of RMCEI survey on NEPs with submission to EPA.
- Completion of CCC Areas for Action review and return to RBMS.
- Liaising with RBMS on next Water Action Plan Cycle and Areas for Action selection.

4. Planning

Sept 2026	TOTAL	Cavan / Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill	Outside Jurisdiction
Applications lodged					
(i) Valid	79	25	33	21	0
(ii) Invalid	11	6	2	3	
Permission Determined	49	13	24	12	
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	26	7	15	4	
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	23	6	9	8	
(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	81				
No. of grants	47	13	22	12	
% of grants	96%				
No. of refusals	2	0	2	0	
% of refusals	4%				
No. of extensions of duration lodged	0	0	0	0	
No. of extensions of duration granted	3	2	1	0	
No. of extensions of duration refused	1	0	1	0	
No. of extensions of duration gone to FI	0	0	0	0	
No. Residential Zoned Land Tax	0	0	0	0	
YEAR TO DATE 2026					
	TOTAL	Cavan/Belturbet	Ballyjamesduff	Bailieborough / Cootehill	Outside Jurisdiction
Applications lodged					
(i) Valid	601	208	214	177	2
(ii) Invalid	129	56	41	32	
Permission Determined	426	150	152	124	
(i) Of decisions determined, no. of decisions decided within 8 weeks	214	86	73	55	
(ii) Of decisions determined, no. which required submission of FI	212	64	79	69	
(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	79				
No. of grants	403	139	145	119	
% of grants	94%				
No. of refusals	23	11	7	5	
% of refusals	6%				
No. of extensions of duration lodged	10	2	4	4	
No. of extensions of duration granted	8	3	2	3	
No. of extensions of duration refused	1	0	1	0	
No. of extensions of duration gone to FI	0	0	0	0	
No. Residential Zoned Land Tax	0	0	0	0	

Advisory Note: Figures are for the period 31 August to 30 September 2026.

5. Community & Enterprise

Rural Development & Tourism

Large Capital Projects:

Cavan Regional Sports Campus:

Funding:

- **LSSIF:** €19m
- **PeacePLUS:** €15.06m
 - Construction Tender returned on the 28/08/2026
 - Assessment & VE underway
 - SEUPB Project Board meetings ongoing, meetings:
 - 30/06/2026
 - No meeting in July/August or September during the tendering period (No updates)
 - Meeting in October planned

Advanced works underway:

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

Ballyjamesduff Community and Enterprise Hub RRDF:

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

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

St Michael's Hall Community Centre, Cootehill RRDF:

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

- The construction tender has been assessed, and a Letter of Intent was issued to Crosserlough Construction on 06th August 2026. The requested information has now been returned by the contractor and is checked and validated ahead of contract signing.

- The contract signing is due to take place on the 09th of October.
- Pre-tender estimate aligns with the monies available- Gateway approval from DRCDG was granted on the 09th September.
- The contract programme is 18 months to achieve substantial completion.

Con Smith Park:

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

PEACEPLUS Programme:

Programme Update –September 2026

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

Update on capital projects. September 2026

Ballyconnell Community Centre

- Contracts awarded and construction ongoing.

Co Cavan Rugby Club

- CRFC have self-appointed David Cullivan as their design team.
- Tender assessment completed and works have commenced.

Men's and Hens Shed Bailieborough

- Detail design complete
- Construction tender issued
- Tender submitted to be assessed

Cootehill Town Team BOI former building

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

Kingscourt Community Development Association

- Construction works have commenced.

Lavey Community Group

- Construction works have commenced.

Virginia Rugby Football Club

- Construction works have commenced.

Municipal District Discretionary Scheme 2026:

- Projects are ongoing with an anticipated deadline of 31st December 2026 for completion.

Community and Voluntary 2026 Grant Scheme:

- Projects are ongoing with an anticipated deadline of 31st December 2026 for completion.

Festival and Events 2026 Grant Scheme:

- Projects are ongoing with an anticipated deadline of 31st December 2026 for completion.

Local Enhancement Programme 2026:

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

SÍOL Programme 2026:

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

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

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2026 (ORIS):

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

- Cavan County Council submitted 5 applications under Measure 1 and also 1 application under Project Development Measure on 25th September in respect of Outdoor Recreation 2026.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2026:

- The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Dara Calleary TD, has launched the 2026 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Funded under Project Ireland 2040, the Town and Village Renewal Scheme is a key measure directly supporting the objectives of Our Rural Future and the Town Centre First Policy.
- Projects submitted under the TVRS must be located in the town and village centre. Funding will be made available for proposals which can be submitted under two distinct headings:
 - Main Scheme
 - Project Development Measure

- **Main Scheme:**

Focus on town centre regeneration and enhancing economic and social vibrancy in line with Town Centre First Policy. Cavan County Council can submit up to four project applications in line with the following funding scales:

- Funding €50,000 to €300,000 (3 applications)
- Funding €50,000 to €500,000 (1 application).

Project Development Measure:

Funding will be provided to get a project shovel ready for a future funding call. Includes development costs, e.g. detailed design, preparation for the planning and/or procurement, consideration of climate action elements, appropriate assessments etc.

Cavan County Council can submit 2 project applications to the value of €50,000 per project.

**Closing date for receipt of online Expressions of Interest is Monday,
19th October 2026 at 12noon.**

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025:

- Cavan County Council received approval for 3 Main Scheme Projects to value of €899,250 and for 1 Project Development Measure to value of €50,000. Projects are ongoing and are due for completion by mid-2027.

CLÁR 2026:

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

CLÁR 2025:

- Cavan County Council received approval for 9 Measure 1 Clar Schemes to value of €652,359. 1 project is complete and others are ongoing and due for completion by mid-2027.

Tourism:

Marketing

- 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.
- Support for Culture Night and other September events via all This is Cavan! Platforms.

- This is Cavan website visits have increased by 50% during the Summer period. Work has commenced on a new micro site on the main website focused on walking trails – this is funded by ORIS.
- Double page advertising spread in all papers in Celtic Media Group as part of sponsorship of the upcoming Cavan Business & Tourism Awards.

Product Development:

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

Trade:

- 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 30th September 2026. Items on the agenda included SICAP Quarter two activity report, PEACEPLUS update, Cavan PPN updates and agency updates. The meeting agenda also included:
 - A presentation was delivered at the LCDC meeting by Rita McNulty, Facilitator from Courage and Renewal Ireland on a PEACEPLUS funded programme “Building Trust in Communities” which aims to support your sense of belonging and engagement in communities. The programme is being delivered on from 13th to 15th November 2026, at An Tobar Retreat Centre, Navan, Co Meath. C15 XD6H, at no cost to participants. Participants will explore their individual and collective wisdom and strength. It will also help to gain insights into new ways of being in relationship with others and in community. The Programme also provided a resource that will support participants’ sense of belonging and engagement in community.
 - As part of this month’s LCDC meeting, members received a presentation from Eamonn Connolly of Method Consultants and Taragh Lynagh of Teach Oscail Family Resource Centre on the LEADER-funded Nourish and Flourish Feasibility Study. The project aims to assess the feasibility of establishing a sustainable social enterprise in Cavan Town that would support young people transitioning from State care through employment, skills development, training, and social-emotional supports.

LEADER

- Cavan Local Action Group (LAG) in conjunction with Cavan Local Development Company received formal approval in respect of Cavan Local Development Strategy on 28th November 2023 to implement the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 with a budget of €6.4 million.
- A total of 158 Active Expressions of Interest has been received in respect of the LEADER Programme 2023-2027.
- The current LEADER Programme expenditure committed is €2,702,935.96 which is 57% of the budget leaving a balance of €2,074,893.29.

Age Friendly Programme

- The last Older Person's Council meeting before the AGM in October took place in early September. The AGM will take place on the 7th October 2026 in the Lavey Inn and preparations are underway. A new OPC Executive Committee will be elected at this event. A wide range of presenters and agencies are being booked to attend.
- A Walkability Study for Cavan General Hospital has been completed. Findings, actions and planned implementation was presented to the Age Friendly Alliance in September.
- 'The Art of Life' project delivered in collaboration with Creative Ireland, and our Road Safety Event 'Safer Journey's Ahead', delivered in collaboration with the Roads Safety Officer and An Garda Síochana have been shortlisted for the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement awards. The awards ceremony will take place in the Strand Hotel in Limerick on the 8th October 2026.
- 'A River Runs Through It' is a PEACE funded creative project for older people is being prepared and will be launched in the coming weeks. This project is being facilitated by poet Heather Brett and will create art that reflects the people, places and stories of Cavan and Fermanagh.

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- The Social Inclusion Officer attended a meeting of the Cavan 365 Garda Youth Diversion Project Oversight Group.

Cavan Disability Network

- The Cavan Disability Network met on the 8th September 2026.
- The Disability Network are hosting a targeted event, "Maximizing Potential through Inclusive Employment" on 12th October 2026 in the Farnham Estate.
- 4 No. Disability Access Certificates processed from the last report on the BCMS System.
- Consultation is ongoing with the Cavan/Belturbet, Ballyjamesduff and Bailieborough/Cootehill area engineers in relation to works being planned in the three Municipal Districts.

Cavan Drug and Alcohol Forum

- Cavan Monaghan Drug and Alcohol Forum met on the 28th September 2026.

- A Prevention and Education event is being planned to take place in October, in Monaghan.

Comhairle na nÓg

- The Comhairle members continue to meet on the last Friday of every month in the Council Chamber. Comhairle na nÓg are working on advancing its transport and road safety agenda, including the completion of surveys with young people and public transport users to identify issues with public transport infrastructure, inform future improvements, and support a youth-focused road safety campaign.
- They have also been representing the views of young people at local, regional and national level through participation in Dáil na nÓg, regional events and youth-led projects examining issues affecting young people.

Traveller Interagency Group

- TIG Education Sub-Group met on 23rd September & had a presentation from two young travellers who shared their experiences of education.
- The next TIG Health Sub-Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1st October.
- The TIG Employment Sub-Group has had a change of staff who we are engaging with - Derek Fahy from Department of Social Protection.
- The Traveller Interagency Group (TIG) meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20 October, at which updates from each of the three sub-groups will be presented by the respective Chairpersons.

Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Cavan PPN published 4no. ENews editions during the month of September.
- One to one support provided to Housing SPC reps
- Cavan PPN attended the National PPN Conference in Roscommon.
- Commencement of 2027 Workplan Expressions of Interest
- Advertising of open spaces of representative posts
- Cavan PPN attended the 30th Anniversary Celebration Event of Cavan County Local Development Company
- Registration of groups increased to 573 (560 at year start, target is 575)
- Advertising of Autumn/Winter Free Training modules for members
- Attended engagement session with the Department of Justice on Migration and Integration.
- Announced call for Expressions of Interest for new Consultation Panel for communities.
- One to one engagement with 28 groups/individuals

PPN Upcoming Events/Initiatives:

- Facilitation of election at Cavan Older People's Council AGM in the Lavey Inn on 7th October 2026.
- Supporting 2036 Vision Project with schools at the Eco Feile Event over the October bank holiday weekend.
- Hosting of Secretariat 2027 Workplan Session 15th October 2026.

- Hosting a collaboration dinner for all SPC & LCDC Reps on 20th October 2026
- Supporting Cavan Disability Network event in the Farnham Estate on 12th October 2026

Healthy Cavan

- Coordinator met with RESTART project officers at Peace link Clones to discuss collaboration in Belturbet over course of project.
- Coordinator attended Play Champions training ran by NCN. Held in Stradone Community Centre with several partner organisations, including LSP, CYPSC, CCLD
- Coordinator organised a Teams meeting with Evija from the Latvian Community, to discuss potential event for 'One Health' festival in November 2026. Slaintecare LD Officer and Community Development SEO also attended. Proposals from Community group have been received and are under review. Agreed date for an event is Friday 27th November in the is Virginia Show Centre.
- Coordinator attended HI workshop and networking event in Athlone. Slaintecare LD officer also in attendance. Focus on Health Literacy.
- Coordinator attended HSE Webinar 'Working together to make every move count'
- Coordinator spoke with Grainne from Youthreach Cavan and agreed to deliver weekly fitness class at the Centre, commencing Monday 5th October at 12 noon.
- Coordinator attended meeting of CYPSC Health & Wellbeing sub-group.
- Coordinator attended meeting of Cavan Drugs and Alcohol forum in Chamber.
- Coordinator attended and presented at HSE workshop in Dublin around implementation of the new Measurement Framework for Healthy Food and Food Poverty.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP)

- Service Level Agreements for all approved actions have been signed and returned by lead partners. Funding has subsequently been transferred to the relevant stakeholders to support project delivery.
- The procurement process for a second-hand van, which will be converted into a Mobile Sensory Unit, has commenced. A tender was published on etenders on 21 September 2026, with a closing date for submissions of 5th October 2026.
- Recruitment of volunteers for the new Healthy Community Committees is underway, with advertisements circulated across social media.
- The Local Development Officer (LDO) attended the SHCP National Updates Meeting on 7 September 2026, providing an opportunity to receive national programme updates and share local progress.
- The LDO attended the Mind Me, Mind You event in Johnston Central Library, which was organised by local practitioners to support parents and carers through information, advice and wellbeing supports.

- As part of the One Health Festival, Cavan County Council is collaborating with the Latvian community to deliver a health and wellbeing event in November. The event will promote physical activity, healthy eating and cultural dance participation.
- Healthy Ireland Local Government hosted a joint event for SHCP Local Development Officers and Healthy Ireland Coordinators in Athlone on 22nd and 23rd September 2026. The event focused on creating wellbeing-enabling environments within communities and included sessions on health literacy, spatial data analysis, funding models, workshop discussions and networking opportunities.
- The LDO attended the webinar Working Together to Make Every Movement Count on 24th September 2026. The webinar highlighted the role of healthcare professionals, community organisations and physical activity providers in supporting increased physical activity participation. Key discussions focused on the importance of linking brief healthcare interventions with accessible community opportunities and clear referral and signposting pathways.
- Researchers from UCD and UCC presented the Household Food & Health Study, an all-island research project examining household dietary, health, and sustainability behaviours, and sought support from Healthy Ireland Local Government networks to promote participation and recruit households across Ireland at an online meeting on Friday 25th September.
- The LDO attended the Community Food and Food Poverty Workshop in Dublin on 29th September, which was attended by LDOs, Health City & County Coordinators, Community Food Nutrition Workers and HSE SHC Co-ordinators. Delivered jointly by Healthy Ireland Local Government and the HSE Healthy Eating and Active Living Programme, the workshop explored approaches to addressing food poverty, strengthening community food initiatives and promoting healthier food environments.
- The Healthy Eating Airfryer Programme in conjunction with CCLD is due to start in February 2027 and will be completed by the end of April 2027, being delivered in Cavan town and Bailieborough to two traveler groups, male and female.
- Cavan Monaghan Connects: Cavan Monaghan Connects continues to grow as a regional hub for mental health and wellbeing information, with 25,500+ unique website users recorded so far in 2026. The platform now includes 125 service listings, 112 events, 78 news stories, 24 resources and 23 training opportunities, alongside continued growth across social media, with more than 65,000 impressions recorded year to date. Ongoing work is focused on keeping listings current, promoting local supports and opportunities, and continuing improvements to the website and its accessibility/usability.

Local Community Safety Partnership

- The Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) continues to advance community safety initiatives and strengthen collaboration among statutory, voluntary and community stakeholders across County Cavan.
- On 14th September 2026, the Cavan Local Community Safety Partnership hosted a meeting with elected representatives at Hotel Kilmore, Cavan. The event brought together members of the Partnership, Oireachtas members, Cavan County Council councillors and administration, representatives from An Garda Síochána, the HSE and TUSLA to discuss key community safety priorities and emerging local issues.

Presentations delivered during the meeting included:

- Progress and achievements of the Cavan LCSP to date.
- Updates on the development of the Cavan LCSP Community Safety Plan, including findings from the Community Safety Survey.
- The implementation of the Coco's Law Initiative in County Cavan, presented by representatives of An Garda Síochána and the newly established Coco's Law Working Group.
- Information from the HSE on smoking cessation supports, vaping and e-cigarette use, and the associated health risks.

The meeting demonstrated the continued commitment of the LCSP and its partner agencies to work collaboratively with elected representatives and local communities to identify concerns, enhance community safety and promote wellbeing throughout County Cavan.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The next meeting of the Partnership is scheduled to take place on 7th October 2026. This will be the fourth meeting of the committee in 2026.
- A public meeting is also scheduled for November 2026.

Cavan Community Safety Plan:

- In support of the development of a long-term strategic framework, Wove Strategic Design Consultants have been appointed to prepare a three-year Community Safety Plan for County Cavan. An LCSP subcommittee will commence this work by agreeing the overall strategy, identifying key questions and priorities, and establishing a programme of work to inform the plan.

Property Marking Events:

- The LCSP continues to promote crime prevention initiatives through its property marking programme. As part of these efforts, the Partnership will participate in the Eco Feile Event in October 2026, where a property-marking machine will be available on site to mark bicycles and encourage property security among members of the public.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs):

- Currently 244 BOTPs in state provided accommodation in Co. Cavan across 12 accommodation centres.
- Self-declaration process closed on 11th September 2026. This was an opportunity for BOTPs who reside in state accommodation to identify to the Dept. that they require ongoing accommodation support.
 - Large focus of the work of the LAIT in the past 4 weeks was around the self-declaration form.
 - LAIT have engaged with 128 BOTP in relation to the self-declaration form, out of 139 potentially eligible for same.
 - Combination of centre visits and community-based clinics.

Closure of accommodation centres:

- 5 accommodation centres are due to close by 31st October 2026, accommodating 35 BOTPs.
- Additionally, another centre is due to close on 30th November 2026, accommodating 2 BOTPs.
- The LAIT are engaging with residents and accommodation centre management to assess and put supports in place. Referrals to relevant LAITs will be completed once they are notified of new location.

ARP (Accommodation Recognition Payment):

- Reduction in payment to €400 from 1st September 2026.
- 2,033 BOTPs mapped to an ARP address or Post Office
- Integration support workers have conducted a telephone survey with property owners to confirm occupancy and gain a better understanding of their plans for the property once it comes to an end in March 2027.
- Database is currently being updated.

IPAS:

- Numbers remain consistent - 141 across 3 centres, including 12 children
- A large increase in IPAs presenting at clinics in the past month. In response to same, clinics will now be offered weekly.

Community Engagement – Department of Justice:

The Department of Justice, Community Engagement team hosted a facilitated dialogue with community representatives to hear views, experiences, and concerns of community members regarding migration and integration, on the 28th September 2026. This dialogue session is one of 31 sessions (one per local authority area) to:

Listen to community views and experiences regarding migration and integration, understand local needs, concerns, and priorities, capture diverse perspectives to inform Government policy, strategy, and communications and build a supportive network of partners for ongoing engagement.

Cavan Sports Partnership (CSP)

Communications:

- Social media: CSP Instagram and Facebook pages updated regularly.
- Continuation of website updates and newsletters
- Push on for nominations for Volunteers in Sports Awards – please see our social media for more info. Nominations close on September 28th and the Awards night will take place on November 5th in the Kilmore Hotel
- Planning for training and education courses in 2027 – Safeguarding, Club supports, First Aid, Nutrition information sessions and more
- Followed up with all Clubs who applied for the Inclusion Summer Camp grant, all receipts have been received now and payments are being processed.

Women in Sport:

- Mother & Baby strength classes begin in Templeport's new gym facility in Bawnboy this month. We have 7 new Mum's signed up to take part in this 6-week programme which will be delivered by a trained post-partum Instructor.

Inclusion:

- Inclusive horse riding for schools – 20 students with additional needs took part.
- Aquatics for all – 12 persons with a disability took part in this 6-week programme

Active Adults 55+:

- Between pole activator classes in 4 areas, chair exercises in 5 areas and aqua programmes we saw 203 Active Adults participate across the County

Youth/Teens/Young Adult Secondary/3rd Level (13-24yrs):

- HER Moves Zen Clubs returned on September 14th, this programme includes yoga and wellbeing for leaving cycle students. We have 32 students taking part in this programme.
- Leadership in Sport – 17 pupils are taking part in this programme

Community:

- Open water swim programmes kicked off in Lavey and Barnagrow, with 34 people signed up to take part. We also held a Walk & Dip event as part of European Week of Sport on 22nd September 2026 and 5 people took part.

Men's Programme:

- Men on the Move programmes are started as part of European Week of Sport in Cavan Town, Ballyjamesduff and Cootehill. At present, 42 men signed up to these 10-week programmes.

Finance:

- Monitoring the 2026 income and expenditure for Sports Partnership
- Working on the EOY Financial Return 2025
- Preparing mid-year return (Income/Exp) for HSE funding expenditure.

Training & Education:

- Safeguarding 1, Safeguarding 2, Sports First Aid, Tennis Teacher Training and a badminton Shuttle Time coaching courses provided in September, with 58 people attending across these courses.
- Our Walking for All officer Gemma is hosted Walk Leader Training in Johnston Library on the 24th September 2026.

6. Arts & Culture



1. Visual Art.

RAMOR ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS CULTURE NIGHT 'SHARED GROUND' A GROUP EXHIBITION Fri 18 Sept | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

A dynamic group exhibition celebrating the depth and diversity of contemporary practice in the county and beyond will open at Ramor Arts Centre for Culture Night. Curated by Will Govan, this specially assembled showcase brings together a selection of artists working across painting and mixed media. The exhibition reflects a strong sense of place, exploring themes of landscape, identity, memory and community through distinctive individual voices.

Govan's curatorial approach emphasises dialogue between works, inviting audiences to encounter both emerging and established artists in a shared space that highlights the richness of the local arts ecology. Each piece contributes to a broader conversation about creative life in the county, offering fresh perspectives while rooted in lived experience.

Audiences are warmly invited to attend the opening event, meet the artists, and engage with a vibrant snapshot of Cavan's current artistic energy.

2. PERFORMANCES

THE MARIETTAS **Thurs 10 | Fri 11 Sept | 8:00pm** Five girls, one dream and biscuits that get stuck in your teeth!

Step back to 1960's Ireland and watch an all-female showband come to life. Filled with the favourite showband hits, this hilarious Irish comedy brings the magic of the showband era centre stage. Reminisce with music, mischief and memories from a time people treasure.

Starring 5 Cavan women playing a cast of 20!
Aoife Shalvey, Vanessa Galligan, Louise Callan, Saidhbh O'Reilly and Eimear Gilsenan.

SINÉAD CULBERT: IM NO WONDER WOMAN **Sat 12 Sept | 8:00pm | €21.50**

In her brand-new stand-up show, one half of comedy duo DirtBirds, Sinéad Culbert explores the extreme dangers of growing up in the 80's, the pitfalls of parenting, the myths about marriage and the genuine joy of not giving a !

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POGUEMAHONE by Patrick McCabe

Thurs 24 Sept – Sat 4th October

Starring Aaron Monaghan & Directed by Padraic McIntyre

Please note this production will take place in various venues as listed below.

Follow Dan Fogarty's anarchic tale as he pieces together the history of his family. How his parents and Aunt Nano are exiled from a small Irish village to the hard immigrant life in England. How Dan and his sister Una live in a hippie squat haunted by vindictive ghosts in Kilburn in the early 1970s. And how all that survives now of those sex-and-drug-soaked times are unspooling memories. And what of Dan himself? Who is he really? What is his role as the story becomes stranger and more sinister? Poguemahone is a wild, shape-shifting epic from one of modern Ireland's greatest writers. A wild, free-verse monologue steeped in music and folklore, crammed with characters, both real and imagined, on a scale Patrick McCabe has never attempted before. Starring Aaron Monaghan and directed by Padraic McIntyre, the team that brought you 'Emerald Germs of Ireland' re-unites for this intimate World Tour Of Cavan. You'd be a right lug to miss it!

Thurs 24 Sept | FW Traynor's Bar | Shercock Fri 25 Sept | McCaffrey's | Redhills Sat 26 Sept | The Bridge Inn | Mounthugent Thurs 1 Oct | The Bridge Tavern | Canningstown Fri 2 Oct | The Stables | Swanlinbar Sat 3 Oct | Jenny's Bar & Lounge | Mullagh

HOW'S YOUR FATHER? - CONAL GALLEN

Sat 25 Sept | 8:00pm | €28

"How's Your Father?" is a non-stop, laugh a minute riot of craic, confusion and constant laughter! Father and son team, Conal and Rory Gallen have written probably their funniest comedy play to date! A B&B! A Landlady! A Priest! A Jockey! A Mystery!

Bridie Murphy opens Bridie's Boutique B&B, much to her husband Willie's bewilderment!

"This is a B&B which has to be seen to be believed!! - Tripadvisor"

With their young, confused neighbour, Dick, having some family problems, Bridie steps in to help! There's only one thing for it! Bring in the Priest!

Which only serves to make things even more confusing!!

It's a side-splitting tale of love, deceit, mystery, bad food and a bit of "How's Your Father" thrown in for good measure!

Age Recommendation 16+

3. Artist Supports:

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



1. EXHIBITIONS

CAVAN ARTS FESTIVAL, CAVAN ARTS AND TOWNHALL ARTS CENTRE PRESENT: 'SOMETIMES YOU JUST WANT TO.....' A SCULPTURE AND PRINT EXHIBITION BY BEN REILLY

Fri 18 Sept – Thurs 29 Oct | FREE ADMISSION

Drawing, research, and observations are core to Reilly's working methods, as with the practical process of cutting and shaping; the same applies to the logic of the research and drawings, and to getting refitted and reworked. This approach of constant adaptation- whether working in sculpture, film, drawing or print- is the same; he sticks things together, cutting, erasing, scraping, refitting and reforming until all elements come together in resolution.

Open 10 am to 4 pm Tuesday to Friday – 12 pm to 4 pm Saturday

Or by appointment.

2. PERFORMANCES

LISA O NEILL ULSTER TOUR 2026 Sat 12 Sept | 8:00pm

Lisa O'Neill is one of contemporary folk music's most distinctive and acclaimed voices, renowned for her unique singing style, fearless songwriting and captivating stage presence. Her songs blend history, politics, myth and compassion with remarkable emotional honesty, earning praise from **BBC 6 Music, The Guardian, Mojo, Uncut, NPR, The Irish Times** and **The New York Times**. Her celebrated album *All Of This Is Chance* was widely recognised as one of the year's finest releases. In 2025, she released *The Wind Doesn't Blow This Far Right* EP, featuring songs addressing social issues, historical figures and literary works. A compelling storyteller and performer, O'Neill continues to captivate audiences across Ireland and internationally with her powerful live shows.

SCHOOL SHOW: EARTHFALL BY UNDERCURRENT

Tue 15 Sept | 8:00am

Earthfall is a powerful, high-energy production that fuses contemporary dance, circus and cultural dance traditions from Zimbabwe, Brazil and Ireland. Featuring breathtaking aerial performance alongside moving moments of connection, it tells the story of four people trapped in a bewildering world of shifting rules and boundaries, watched by a young girl whose dreams and reality intertwine.

Performed by an outstanding cast of Irish and international artists, including youth performer Georgie Sachs Warren, *Earthfall* is both a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity and a poignant reflection on borders, belonging and human resilience. Following sold-out premieres and standing ovations, this acclaimed production captivates with its passion, athleticism and emotional depth.

CULTURE NIGHT PRESENTS: GULLIVER'S TRAVELS WORKSHOP WITH MakeltClay
Fri 18 Sept | 4:00pm -5:30pm

Join artist Louise Swords of MakeltClay for a hands-on *Gulliver's Travels* inspired workshop. Participants will create a Lilliputian character, one of the tiny figures who famously tied Gulliver to the ground, or design an animal or tree using colourful, non-messy, air-drying clay. Each unique piece will become part of a collaborative audio-visual installation to be presented during the Gulliver 300 event on Sunday 25th October, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cavan Courthouse.

This is a rare opportunity to contribute to a shared public artwork and see your creation displayed as part of a larger imaginative world. The workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities. All materials are provided. Places are limited, so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment.

Come along, get creative, and help bring a playful world of tiny characters to life in Cavan!

STREET LIFE Fri 18th September | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Join us as the Townhall Arts Centre Carpark comes to life with STREET LIFE, a vibrant Culture Night celebration featuring two spectacular shows guaranteed to entertain audiences of all ages. Bring the family, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy an evening of FREE outdoor performance and fun!

Follow Cavan Arts on social media townhallartscentre.com and cavanarts.ie for the latest updates and event details.

CULTURE NIGHT PRESENTS 'VISCERAL '22 REMASTERED'

Fri 18 Sept | 8:00pm | FREE EVENT | BOOKING ESSENTIAL

"Visceral'22 Remastered" is a work in progress piece of physical theatre in which we explore the joy of fully engaging with our sensations and emotions throughout growth in the lifespan of human.

At this stage of the development of the project, we will be exploring multidisciplinary techniques such as audiovisual, movement, dance, music and spoken words.

A performance piece that will allow audiences to engage, relate and feel alive again through a powerful message:

3. ARTISTS SUPPORTS

- (iii) Rebecca Sanchez Artist is working in one of the third-floor studios.
- (iv) Dorothy Hunter Artist is working in one of the third-floor studios

Cavan County Council Arts Office

1. Overview

September 2026 was a significant month for the Cavan County Council Arts Office, marked by the successful delivery of Culture Night 2026, the launch of the countywide Gulliver 300 celebrations programme, the inaugural Cavan Makerthon, and continued support for theatre, film, visual arts and community participation initiatives. Activity throughout the month demonstrated the Arts Office's commitment to increasing access to the arts, supporting artists and creating opportunities for public participation across County Cavan.

2. Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir 2026



Image by Sheila Reilly at Benny's Battle of the Bands Bailieborough

Culture Night 2026 took place on Friday 18 September, with more than 40 free events delivered across County Cavan. The programme featured music, theatre, visual arts, film, literature, exhibitions, workshops, community celebrations and family activities, engaging audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Applications increased significantly this year and the programme was one of the largest presented in the county and reflected the growing demand for participation from artists, organisations and communities.



New areas were added to the programme and although the rain threatened the early celebrations many events had great turnouts including Ballyconnell Market House, Bailieborough Courthouse, Ramor Arts Centre and Colette's Art Studio Mountnugent to name but a few.

Colette's Arts Studio Mountnugent



Image: Adrian Donohoe, Cathaoirleach Carmel Brady

Johnston Central Library Poetry Event, Townhall StreetLife, The Multicultural Event at the Farnham Arms Hotel, a pop-up Gaeltacht on Market Square, the Ben Reilly exhibition at Townhall Arts Centre and Visceral 22' Remastered all helped to transform Cavan Town centre into a vibrant cultural hub.



Venues, libraries, community centres and cultural spaces across the county hosted a broad range of events with new locations added. The programme also highlighted bilingual and intercultural activity, creating opportunities for new and established communities to engage through shared cultural experiences. The programme animated public spaces, supported artists and encouraged new audiences to engage with the arts.

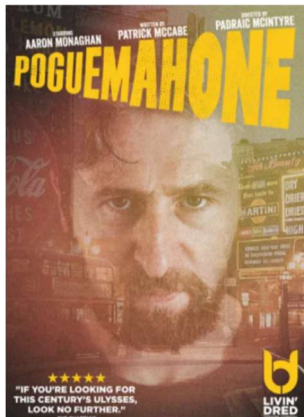
Culture Night Talk: Ramor Arts Centre 'Rosie Booth, Marquess of Headfort'

Image: Sheila Reilly

3. Poguemahone Theatre Tour

Theatre continued to play an important role in Cavan's cultural life in September, with support from Cavan Arts contributing to the development, production and presentation of ambitious new work by local emerging and professional theatre companies.

Through strategic investment and artist supports, the Arts Office helped create opportunities for theatre-makers to develop work locally while also reaching wider audiences.



Livin' Dred Theatre Company's production of *Poguemahone* starring Aaron Monaghan, written by Pat McCabe and Directed by Padraic McIntyre began its successful tour, bringing high-quality professional theatre straight into the heart of communities.

It launched its Cavan tour animating public houses around the county showcasing work developed by one of County Cavan's leading theatre organisations and actors.

This theatre initiative brought professional theatre into pubs and non-traditional venues across County Cavan bringing work of an exceptionally high professional standard to audiences across the county.

4. Gulliver 300 Programme Launch

Preparations intensified for the forthcoming **Gulliver 300** celebrations taking place over the October Bank Holiday weekend. September marked the public launch phase of the programme, which commemorates 300 years since the publication of *Gulliver's Travels* while linking with Ireland's EU Presidency programme and the bicentenary of Cavan Courthouse.

Artists, schools, community groups, libraries, CMETB and cultural partners continued to collaborate on workshops, creative commissions and public participation projects. The Sleeping Giant initiative, community lantern-making projects and Little People workshops engaged participants across all Municipal Districts in advance of the major countywide celebration.



Image: Adrian Donohoe

5. Cavan Makerthon

The inaugural Cavan Makerthon took place in Cavan Townhall on 23 September, bringing together artists, designers and makers to explore the creative potential of emerging technologies. Participants engaged with technologies including 3D printing, laser cutting, digital embroidery, VR, AI-assisted design and interactive systems through workshops and mentoring opportunities. The initiative represents an important investment in creative innovation and skills development for artists and makers in the region.



6. Film and Visual Arts

Conclusion

September 2026 demonstrated the scale and breadth of arts activity taking place across County Cavan. Through Culture Night, Gulliver 300, innovative theatre programming, digital creativity initiatives and ongoing artist support, the Arts Office continued to strengthen participation, develop audiences and support high-quality artistic experiences throughout the county.

Cavan County Museum



A Cavan Hero – 9/11 25th Anniversary Commemoration Exhibition Launch



Culture Night – Virginia Gospel Choir

Educational & Group Visits:

- September 2nd – Roscommon Federation ICA – 50;
- September 10th – Canadian Tour Group – 15;
- September 16th - Cavan Social Daycare – 18;
- September 16th – Drumlin House Monaghan – 8;
- September 19th – Newtownards First Somme Society – 34;
- September 22nd – Patrician High School – 75;
- September 23rd – Drumlin House Monaghan – 10;
- September 24th – Sanford Park School – 75;
- September 26th – Lisnarick Community Dev Assoc – 30

Events:

- A Cavan Hero – 9/11 25th Anniversary Commemoration Exhibition Launch – 120+;
- Culture Night – Virginia Gospel Choir – 90+;
- Bounce Back, 10th Anniversary – 100+;

Other:

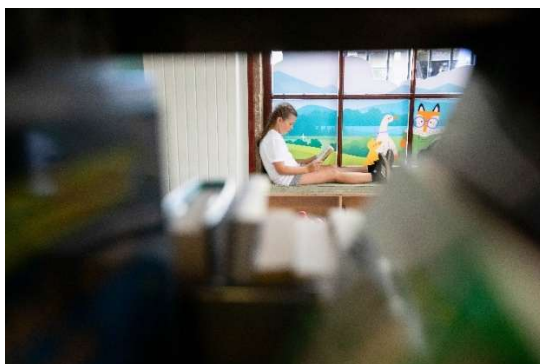
- Work Experience Students in September includes a post university student and a LCA student.
- Ongoing – meetings and work regarding upcoming events and exhibitions, grant projects and staff training; Outreach visiting elders collecting stories about the museum and Ballyjamesduff; Maintenance of the museum's catalogue and archives; Marketing;
- Drop in visitors and families from Ireland and UK and other areas continue.
- Daily usage of the playground and nun's walk by the local community continues.

Cavan County Library Services

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.

National Public Libraries Open Day

On Saturday, September 26th, Libraries across Cavan invited everyone to come 'Take a Closer Look' as we celebrated National Public Libraries Open Day. This day provided the public with an opportunity to pop into their local library and learn more about the services available to them as a library member. There was a vibrant atmosphere in the libraries with activities for all age groups across the day. For Children there were toddler storytimes, lego workshops, and magic table fun. Families were able to discover our sensory services while adults were invited to learn more about Borrow Box, join craft workshops and take part in creative conversations. Johnston Central Library were delighted to welcome author and broadcaster Myles Dungan for a fascinating talk on Agatha Christie.



Ireland and the EU

Johnston Central Library welcomed broadcaster and author David McCullagh for a discussion on "50 Years: Ireland & The EU."

This talk covered Ireland's relationship with the EU and the UK and how 50 years of EU membership has changed us. With a lively Q&A Session this event provided a great opportunity for citizens to contribute to the discussions during Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

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Culture Night

Libraries across Cavan were delighted to host Culture Night events in conjunction with our colleagues in the Arts Office. Culture night provides an opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of Culture in Ireland today, connecting people to cultural activities locally and nationally. A range of exciting events were held in Johnston Central Library, Cootehill Library and Bailieborough Library.



Johnston Central Library Refurbishment

September saw library staff roll up their sleeves as we undertook some refurbishment work in Johnston Central Library. Adult shelving was lowered to provide better way finding through the library and better accessibility for our visitors. The children's area also saw new shelving fitted to provide a brighter more child friendly space.

Seirbhís as Gaeilge

Ciorcal Comhrá

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

Local History Services

Cumann Seanchais Bhréifne - Bréifne Historical Society

Johnston Central Library hosted a talk on 'The public history of a once forgotten trial: The Island Magee Witches, Co Antrim 1711' by Dr Andrew Sneddon, (Ulster University) on the 3rd of September in association with Cumann Seanchais Bhréifne.

Virginia & District Historical Society – Virginia Library

Virginia Library hosted an engaging talk on the "Museums of Ireland: with special reference to the galleries of Cavan County Museum". This talk was presented by Catherine McGuinness, Research and Education Officer at Cavan County Museum, and offered a fascinating insight into how museums preserve and share our heritage.

Reminiscence Time – Johnston Central Library

Autumn Chores and preparing for the winter months was the topic of discussion at the September Reminiscence Time at Johnston Central Library, where recipes for jam were shared along with some great stories of life on the farm.

Local Studies Clinic

The Local Studies Clinic was well attended this month in Johnston Central Library which included a visit from Travis Hoban and his family who travelled from America to Cavan in search of the origins of their ancestor Joshua Bell, a revolutionary, businessman and early Chicago pioneer whose remarkable story began in Cootehill.



Skills for Life

Goal Setting – Fiona Hall

Johnston Central Library was the venue for a very interesting workshop on Goal Setting which was delivered by psychotherapist Fiona Hall. This workshop encouraged attendees to identify the real goals they wish to achieve, how to plan for them and how to avoid the many pitfalls along the way.

This workshop provided attendees with practical advice and tips to get them to where they want to be and also how to cope with disappointments along the way. This event was delivered as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.

Healthy Ireland at your Library

School Based Anxiety and Stress – Dr Mary O’Kane.

Dr Mary O Kane delivered an insightful talk in Johnston Central Library on School Based Anxiety and Stress which focused on the issue of school refusal and the difficulties families face in this situation. This event was delivered as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.

Book Clubs

In September, Cavan Library Service hosted a series of vibrant book club meetings across its branches, catering to diverse age groups and interests. September saw book clubs available across the county for children, teenagers, Irish language speakers and adults. In advance of National Public Libraries Open Day the book club in Johnston Central Library made their way through many of Agatha Christie’s most famous works and also attended ‘A morning of Marple’ movie morning.

7. Finance & IT

Accounts Payable /Treasury Management:

- Weekly payment runs – cheques and EFT
- Processing of LVPCs
- Agresso support to users within the LA
- Managing Investments/Working Capital/Debtors
- Monitoring daily and weekly cashflow and month end bank reconciliations
- No recourse to bank overdraft facility
- Monitoring of Revenue and Capital Income and Expenditure against Budgets
- Monitoring and follow up on all Recoupments on a weekly/monthly basis
- Department returns
- Tax advice to various sections
- Bank reconciliations
- Agresso upgrade project
- Liaising with Local Government Auditor
- July August 2026 VAT return
- Budget 2027 work

Payroll/Finance:

- Payroll has functioned at 100% capacity with no downtime recorded.
- Two pay dates 9th & 23rd were processed and completed for Salaries and Wages including Fire.
- Payroll deductions were successfully processed, and monies paid to suppliers.
- Two travel expense payments were processed during this period.
- The finance department have submitted an ERR report to revenue for each of the travel payments.
- Credit checks carried out on new loan applicants and Approved Housing Bodies.
- Monthly loan routines completed and reviewed.
- Review and follow up on loans and loan arrears.
- Follow up on insurance with borrowers.
- Meetings with borrowers to review their Shared Ownership loans.
- Credit Committee met to review loan applications.
- Public Liability /Personal Injuries queries and claims followed up.
- Meeting with IPB to review insurance costs and cover for 2027.
- Cathaoirleach & Leas Cathaoirleach payments up to date.
- P30 and P35 reviewed.
- Rate Demands for 2026 paid.
- Phone Bill payments made.
- Stores invoices processed and sent to relevant parties.
- Returns, payments and recoupments completed.
- Reconciliation of Petty Cash Account.
- Compilation of information and records requested for audits.
- Requests for information, updates and reports responded to.

Procurement Office and CTA Unit:

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

- Contract References: Procurement references are being generated as required for contracts awarded following tender competitions.
- Procurement Activity (August): A total of 4 quotation and 9 tender competitions were administered by the Unit during September
- 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 issued shortly. The manual provides guidance to staff on the day-to-day procurement operational issues and is updated in line with the new OGP Public.
- The QW (Written Quotation) and QV (Verbal Quotation) forms have now been updated and uploaded to the Intranet for all staff to access.

Internal Audit:

- Internal Audit Work undertaken in accordance with the Annual IA Plan
- Audit Committee Meeting 8th September
- Article 48 Leader Grant Assessments- Ongoing
- P2P Q3 Stats Review Work- Ongoing
- SICAP Annual Review 2025- Draft Report ready for discussion with the PI Breffni Integrated
- External & Internal Audit Registers- Updated
- Follow Up of Audit Recommendations- Updated Audit Recommendation Tracker
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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.
- September 2026 - 1,675 transactions. Year to date 14,882.
- Arrears - €28,983. Year to date €223,841.
- Total Receipts - €259,579. Year to date €2,369,009.

IT Department

Digital Communities.

- Host Tech Events, robotics workshops, Podcast workshops, AI workshops.
- Prepare for Eco Feile
- Laser cut houses for Gulliver Event
- Complete Funding applications & Award nominations
- Host Cavan Connects Cafés & Cavan Connects Podcast
- Presentations to Cavan PPN, Culture Night and CCLD 30 year celebrations

NBI Progress:

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

Status	Percentage	Premises
Build in Progress	0.1%	79
Ready to order	99.9%	16673

GIS

- Publishing maps for Development Plan Variation
- Updating dataset for Property Activation Team
- Updating datasets on the GIS Viewer
- Preparing datasets for Open Data
- Providing datasets for consultants

Cyber Security

- Phishing email simulation exercise conducted with all staff
- NCSC Local Government Core Day attended
- PAM360 upgrade completed
- NCSC security advisories checked and applied where needed
- Monthly security patches applied to Servers and Endpoints
- PCI DSS external scans completed

Infrastructure

- HCI Refresh started, equipment mounted in IT Comms Room and install progressed.
- Extensive user network issue resolved
- ServiceDesk Certs and upgrades
- Attended ICT Regional Staff Day Leitrim CoCo
- Ballyconnell Library wireless connection resolved.
- Wifi extended Ballyjamesduff FS Training Room.
- Library ICT equipment upgrades completed in 9 libraries

Digital

- Progressed CRM implementation
- PMDS App – MidYear Reviews complete, End Year Reviews progressed to test phase
- New Power BI Dashboard developed for Peace Projects
- iReg extracts
- Live on eVoter.ie
- Access management & results exports from Consult for Safety Survey, Affordable Housing etc
- iHouse scripts run
- +adjust scripts run

Website Activity.

Website	Hits	Website	Hits
Bridge St. Centre	149 (75)	Cavan Library	9,861 (9,190)
Cavan Diaspora	139 (91)	Cavan Sports	7,371 (4,245)
Cavan Arts	3,209 (1,837)	Cavan Connects	1,541 (1,138)
Cavan Museum	3,582 (3,240)	Cavan Co. Council	66,215 (58,390)
thisiscavan.ie	17,913 (23,698)		

+(previous month)

Help Desk Requests – Sept

- No of calls logged: 655 | No of calls closed: 684

8. Fire Services & Civil Defence

Figures will be included in October's report.

9. Water Services

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

From 1st January 2014 delivery of water and wastewater services became the responsibility of Uisce Éireann. Initially this was under the governance of a 12-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Uisce Éireann for the delivery of the services. The SLA has now been superseded by a Master Cooperation Agreement (MCA), which came into effect on 13th September 2023, and will run until 31st December 2026. Water is considered a 'social good' and activities related to water services support the three aspects (economic, social, and environmental) of sustainable development. The objectives of the section working on behalf of Uisce Éireann is to:

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

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

Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services

In February 2022, the government published a **Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper, Uisce Éireann – Towards a National, Publicly Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility**. The paper referenced the process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC), which has been

ongoing with a view to assisting the parties to devise a mutually agreed operational framework to replace the Service Level Agreements. The government asked the parties to engage to agree a framework for a stable operating structure for the future delivery of water services.

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

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

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

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

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

Major Capital Projects

ECI Wastewater Project Report

Uisce Éireann Project Stages

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

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

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

Stage 1: Strategic Assessment

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

Stage 2: Preliminary Business Case

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

Stage 3: Final Business Case

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

Stage 4: Implementation (Construction)

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

Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2020 - 2024

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

Cavan Sites currently included;

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

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

Ballyjamesduff WWTP

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

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

Start on site milestone was achieved in March 2024.

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

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

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

Key milestones achieved during this reporting period

- ❖ *Complete Mech Decommissioning of Settlement Tank No 1*
- ❖ *Removal of Existing ESB Pole*
- ❖ *Complete with Dry Commissioning at East End*
- ❖ *Complete Mech works on Odour Control Pipework*
- ❖ *Complete Mech Works at Inlet Works*
- ❖ *Complete Mech Works on PVC pipework on Pipe Rack*
- ❖ *Complete with Dry Commissioning at East End*
- ❖ *Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Hybas cell in Process Tank*
- ❖ *Commence new civil works in Settlement Tank No 1*
- ❖ *Complete Mech Works in Sludge Dewatering Build*
- ❖ *Complete Pressure Testing in Sludge Thickening & Dewatering Build*

Key works planned for next reporting period

- ❖ *Continue with Process Optimization on West End*
- ❖ *Complete Mech Works in Sludge Dewatering Build*
- ❖ *Commence new civil works in Settlement Tank No 1*
- ❖ *Continue & complete O/S Mech works on Observation List*
- ❖ *Complete Hydrostatic Testing on Hybas cell in Process Tank*
- ❖ *Compete all snags on Shanette Kiosks*
- ❖ *Repainting of floor area in Sludge Thickening Room*
- ❖ *Phase 1B Turn Flows into Inlet Works*
- ❖ *Continue with Process Optimization on West End*
- ❖ *Phase 1B Turn Flows into Inlet Works*
- ❖ *Continue & complete O/S Mech/Electrical works on Observation List*

- ❖ *Complete civil works on Settlement Tank No 1*
- ❖ *Complete Hydrostatic Test on Settlement Tank No 1*
- ❖ *Commence M&E works on Settlement Tank No 1*
- ❖ *Commence civil works at existing Inlet Works*
- ❖ *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 5th December 2022. The application was validated by our own Cavan County Council LA Planning Department - reference number 22489. The Planning Authority subsequently sought responses from the applicant by way of Requests for Further Information in early Q1 2023 and these responses were finalised and submitted by VWI / Design Team in August 2023. A notification of decision to grant was issued earlier in October 2023 with full planning permission for the Project granted in November 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key milestones achieved during this reporting period

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

Key works planned for next reporting period

- ❖ *Plinth under 450mm and 250mm overhead pipework to be completed.*
- ❖ *Complete pressure test on 560mm PE storm rising main.*
- ❖ *Water test of tertiary filter/outfall pumping station internal walls to be completed.*
- ❖ *Complete works on high level pipework and columns between CSO and Inlet works.*
- ❖ *Pressure Tests on Service Water System (PVC Pipe work).*
- ❖ *Pipework to outfall valve chamber and wash water recovery valve chamber at tertiary filter to have started.*
- ❖ *Complete Hydro-Static testing of Tertiary filter/Outfall pumping station.*
- ❖ *Complete Hydro-tech install.*
- ❖ *Floor to belt press building to be installed.*
- ❖ *Gantry crane to be installed to Centrifuge building.*

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

Virginia WWTP – Project Details in summary

Existing design PE – 2,000

Proposed PE – 6,000

Planning submission date – December 2022

Planning Granted – November 2023

Construction started – February 2024

Substantial Completion – Q2 2027

Estimated Investment €33 million

Kingscourt, Cootehill & Bailieborough WWTP Upgrade Projects

Project Summaries – Current Estimated Timelines

Bailieborough WWTP – Project Details

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

Proposed PE – 5,500

Planning submission date – July 2025

Planning Granted - October 2025

Estimated Construction starts – Q3 2026

Substantial Completion (30 months) – Q1 2029

Kingscourt WWTP – Project Details

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

Proposed PE – 5,700

Planning submission date – 22nd May 2026

Contract Signing – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Cootehill WWTP – Project Details*

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

Proposed PE – 5,200 with sludge processing

Anticipated Planning submission date – Q2 2026

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Proposed WWDL date – After planning application submission

Contract to be signed – Q4 2026

Substantial Completion – Q1 2029

Ballinagh

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

Mullagh

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

Drinking Water Infrastructure Investment County Cavan

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

Cavan Rural Water Update

The **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021** was launched on February 8th, 2019, and all projects bar two are now complete. Completion of the remaining two is imminent. Submissions were made for funding towards fifty-one specific projects on behalf of 27 Schemes or scheme bundles, totalling **€2,107,016.35**.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2024-2026

On January 17th, 2024, Minister Darragh O' Brien announced the launch of the next cycle of the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme which covers the three-year period 2024 to 2026. Local Authorities were invited to submit applications for funding under this programme with a closing date of 12th April 2024. Cavan County Council was in communication with all Group Schemes requesting submissions to be considered for funding. Submissions were received and submitted in advance of the deadline, seeking funding for 133 specific projects in the amount of €18,518,525.09. Evaluation and recommendations on funding are in the process of being made by an Independent Expert Panel at National Level.

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

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

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

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

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2027-2029

The next cycle of the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme which will cover the three-year period 2027 to 2029 is due to be launched imminently. The Dept. opened the programme to submissions for funding in late July 2026. Cavan County Council have engaged with all schemes on this new MARWP providing them with the detail of the programme and holding one to one online workshops with the schemes, their employers' representatives and the national federation of group water schemes. An internal deadline of Friday 16th

October has been set for receipt of submissions from schemes by Cavan County Council. The council will continue to engage with schemes in the interim to advise on submissions and provide any clarifications needed, engaging with Dept. if need be to this end Cavan Council will make submissions accompanied by any required supporting reports from Council to Dept. via new online Portal in advance of national closing date for receipt of submissions.

Operation & Maintenance Contracts – Group Water Schemes

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

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

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

Revised Lead Remediation Grant

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

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

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

10. Local Enterprise Office

Training — 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 – 15 mentoring assignments have been approved in September to date, primarily in the areas of business strategy, finance, sales, marketing and new product development.

Cavan Women in Business Network – The next network meeting will take place on 15th October to mark National Women's Enterprise Day and will be an evening event in The Farnham Estate. The network will be joined by several guest speakers on the evening. Minister Niamh Smyth TD, Minister of State, Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment will officially launch the event. The theme for the event is "Her Enterprise, Her Impact - Cavan 2026".

Business & Tourism Awards 2026 - Nominations for this year's awards closed on September 11th. Finalists across nine award categories present their individual business journeys in front of a panel of mystery judges. A successful "pitch presentation night" was held in AIB Bank, Cavan on Wednesday 30th September. The winners will be officially announced on Friday 23rd October during a Gala Awards Dinner in the Slieve Russell Hotel.

Cavan/Dublin Network – Event held Wednesday 23rd September This event was organised to facilitate networking opportunities, promote Cavan as a place to do business and promote Cavan startups. The theme for this event was "Innovation, Investment & Impact — Unlocking Irish & European opportunities that deliver lasting value."

The event is for businesspeople and professionals with a connection to Cavan. Under the Start-Up Segment, there was a presentation from Dorothy Clarke, Founder & CEO of Roocara. Cavan native Robert Maloney Derham, Corporate M&A partner in Matheson LLP facilitated a fireside chat with 3 Panellist: Sandra Thompson, Co-Founder, IO Agri; Barry Smith, Managing Director, ABCON Industrial Products Limited and Stephanie Leonard, Chief Executive Officer, Kyte Powertech. The event was kindly sponsored by Declan & Amanda Sharkey, Fire Doors Ireland who are based in Whitegate on the Dublin side of Virginia, Co. Cavan.

Management Development Programmes – The LEO ran 2 well attended, successful Management Development programmes.

The **Management Development Programme Reset & Refocus** was a post-summer reset for business owners — a chance to step back before Q4, get clarity on direction, and make the end of the year count. The workshop was held in person and training provided by Stuart Nelson, Jigsaw Better Business and 7 participants attended and will also avail of 1-1 mentoring as part of the course.

The **Digital Management Development Programme** - Personal Services & Retail Sector. This Management Development Programme which was designed specifically for the Personal Services Sector (Including hairdressers, beauticians, barbers) and Retail Sector, to show how digital processes can help improve your business. The 1st workshop was held in person and training provided by Gordon McArdle, Rocas with 6 participants. The 2nd workshop will be held online and also includes 1-1 mentoring.

LEO Lunch & Learns – The team from LEO Cavan held a Lunch & Learn in Arva Library, Tuesday 29th Sept. for attendees to learn how LEO supports could help start or grow your business.

There are a number of Lunch & Learns scheduled in different locations in the County up to the year end.

Thinking of Starting Your Own Food Business – The LEO along with Created in Cavan held an in-person morning workshop on the 9th September for participants that are thinking about starting your own food or drink business and looking for advice on where to get started. Kieran Moran, Morans Mega Jams attended to give some insight into his business journey. Training was provided by James Burke, JB&A Food & Retail Business Advisors and 11 participants attended.

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

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

Green for Business Programme – LEO Cavan approved 3 applications in September 2026.

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

Digital for Business Programme – LEO Cavan approved 3 applications in September 2026.

Created In Cavan Food & Drink Network – The Created in Cavan Food & Drink Network hosted an agency engagement meeting on 15th September, bringing together representatives from CMETB, Cavan County Local Development (CCLD), LEADER, Enterprise Ireland and Fáilte Ireland. The meeting provided an opportunity to update partner agencies on the network's current projects, priorities and planned activities. Discussions focused on identifying opportunities for future collaboration and support to strengthen the food and drink sector in County Cavan. The meeting was also attended by Deirdre Donnelly, Tourism Officer, and Gillian Madden, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, LEO Cavan, who contributed to discussions on potential joint initiatives and partnership opportunities.

Murph's Gastro Pub at the Derragarra Inn was awarded Gastro Pub of the Year 2026 at the prestigious Georgina Campbell Irish Food & Hospitality Awards. Widely regarded as Ireland's longest running and most respected food and hospitality awards programme, the awards recognise excellence across the sector through independent and anonymous assessments. This achievement provides significant national recognition for Fergus Murphy and his team and further enhances County Cavan's reputation as a destination offering high-quality food, hospitality, and visitor experiences.

Cavan Craft Collective – The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Cavan Craft Collective was held on 24 September 2026 at the 7 Oaks, Cavan. Members were invited to attend and participate in the governance of the Collective through the nomination and election of officers. Nominations were sought for the positions of Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer, with members encouraged to become involved in supporting the future development of the organisation. The AGM provided an opportunity to review the Collective's activities and achievements during its first year, receive financial and secretary reports, discuss future plans and elect a new committee to guide the organisation for the coming year.

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

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

Cavan Eco Féile 2026 – A number of the LEO team have been involved with the upcoming Eco Féile. The LEO will host a Business Breakfast on Friday 23rd October – Cavan and the Regional Economy Investment, Growth and Competitiveness.



E. Doyle
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7 October 2026