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**Tuarascáil
Bainistíochta an
Phríomhfheidhme**

**Chief
Executive's
Report**



Do: Gach Ball Comhairle Contae Cheatharlach

To: Each Member of Carlow County Council

Tugtar léargas sa Tuarascáil Bainistíochta Míosúil seo ar rialachas leanúnach Chomhairle Contae Cheatharlach agus tá sé á chur ar fáil do d'fhaisnéis agus do bhreithniú. / This Chief Executive's Report gives an overview of the operations and governance of Carlow County Council and is being provided for your information and consideration.

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GNÓTHAÍ CORPARÁIDEACHA/ CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Corporate Affairs	Stats up to 26 th June
Freedom of Information Requests	8
Ombudsman Complaints	0
Meetings Facilitated for Elected Members Corporate	5
Electors Registered to Vote	46,661

Register of Electors:

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 introduced the modernization of the Electoral Register, which allows for a continuous update of the register. This is more convenient for electors as they can register or update their details at any time, other than the closing date before a polling day (14 days). Voters go to checktheregister.ie if they want to check if they are registered to vote or check or update their details.

The Franchise Team were delighted to attend the Carlow Older People's Council Information Roadshow in Ballinkillen Community Centre on the 24th June 2026. The Franchise Team were on hand to provide guidance, answer queries, and support anyone who needed assistance with registering to vote or checking and updating their registration details.

Register of Electors National Data Cleansing Project

The Franchise Team is actively participating in a National Data Cleansing Project. For the month of June, the Franchise Team continued reviewing the register and are in the process of facilitating communication to electors who need to update their details on the register of electors. The changes to the Register for the month of June included the following:

Additions	Deletions	Modifications	Changes to Register up to 26 th June
19	27	23	69

Communications and Customer Service Desk

Customer Services	Stats up to 26 th June
Telephone Calls Received	1,134
Customers to Reception	695
Website Visitors	57,431
Media Queries	5

Corporate Calendar:

Annual General Meeting held on 8th June in the Council Chamber. New Cathaoirleach elected Cllr Thomas Kinsella. New Leas Cathaoirleach elected Cllr Paul Doogue.

The newly Elected Mayor, Cathaoirleach, Deputy Mayor and Leas Cathaoirleach for the Municipal Districts are:

	Mayor	Deputy Mayor
Carlow MD	Cllr Ken Murnane	Cllr Andrea Dalton
	Cathaoirleach	Leas Cathaoirleach
Tullow MD	Cllr Charlie Murphy	Cllr John Pender
Muinebheag MD	Cllr Michael Doran	Cllr Daniel Pender



OIFIG FIONTAIR ÁITIÚL/ LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

	No.	Ytd
Direct Financial Support Granted	15	82
Business Advice Clinics	21	171
Participants for all training programmes	45	764
Start Your Own Business Training	0	61
No. of Completed Mentoring	9	50
No of Ongoing Mentoring	15	15

Management Development Programme in Hacketstown

The Local Enterprise Office, in partnership with South East Technological University, are delivering 'Hub Grow' which is a management development programme focussing on business innovation. The programme commenced in June in Station House, Hacketstown with 8 businesses participating.

National Enterprise Awards

The National Enterprise Awards were held in June at the Mansion House in Dublin. Carlow was represented by Seed Golf.

Lean 'Better Business' Programme

The Local Enterprise Office, in partnership with the Local Enterprise Office in Kilkenny, commenced a new lean 'Better Business' programme in June. 10 Carlow businesses are participating.

Management Development

Business Owners' Toolkit: LinkedIn for Business Development

13 business owners and senior managers attended this 1-day workshop which equipped SME and micro-business owners with the skills to use LinkedIn as a structured business development tool. The workshop was led by digital marketing trainer Sandra Hennessy (BeDynamic agency).

Powerhouse Business Break: Social Media That Sells

20 female founders attended the 2-hour workshop with Shemaine Doyle from Brave Agency. This practical workshop was designed to teach women in business (owners and senior managers) how to create engaging content that will convert their followers into customers.

Powerhouse Generator competition for Start Up & Scale Up companies:

22 female founders attended this competition, hosted in SETU. The Entrepreneurs Academy ran an interactive workshop on how to perfect your business pitch. Following this, each attendee pitched their business to our panel of judges. There was one winner from each category including: Start Up; Scale Up and Most Sustainable Impact.

GRANT APPROVED (Ytd)	No.	€
Financial Assistance to Manufacturing & International Services Companies		
Business Expansion Grants	6	€202,046
Feasibility Grants	1	€15,000
Priming Grants	2	€42,903
Market Exporter Grants	5	€35,541
Green for Business Grants	19	€32,720
Digital for Business Grants	13	€17,850
Lean for Business Grants	11	€17,400
Energy Efficiency Grant	17	€150,918
Grow Digital Grant	8	€37,274



FORBAIRT EACNAMAÍOCH/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Streetscape 2026

The Economic Development team in partnership with the Arts Department, will hold a Public Consultation in relation to proposed mural on College Street on 15th July 2026.

The Exchange

The Exchange hosted a pop-up shop as well as a youth music concert during June with both events increasing activity in the area.

Samhain

Planning is underway for the Samhain 2026 festival in October.

Pan Celtic International Festival 2026

The Economic Development team met with committee members from Pan Celtic International to commence plans for Pan Celtic International Festival 2027. It has been agreed to host a feedback session with local vintners and businesses during July.

#ShopLocalShopCarlow & County Promotion.

Carlow Co Council in partnership with County Carlow Chamber and Carlow Tourism launched Grá Carlow a new countywide “Shop Local, Shop Carlow” campaign designed to encourage consumers to support local business and keep spending within County Carlow.

Casual Trading Bye Laws

Casual Trading Bye Laws 2026 were approved by Elected Members of Carlow County Council on 8th June, 2026. A Casual Trading Licence in respect of Ducketts Grove was issued in June.



FORBAIRT TIONSCADAL SPEISIALTA/ SPECIAL PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT

Catalyst HQ – SMART Regions

The project has moved into the delivery phase, with weekly project meetings now underway to progress design, governance, and implementation milestones. The project construction tender was advertised in June. The tender will close at 5pm on 20th July 2026.

Catalyst HQ will be delivered in partnership with Southeast Catalyst Innovation Company CLG. Southeast Catalyst Innovation Company CLG, trading as Catalyst HQ, is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021–2027.

The Sorting House – Borris

The construction tender closed on 26th June 2026.

The Hive @ Enterprise House

Funding for the Hive @ Enterprise House was approved by Carlow LCDC during June 2026.

The project will now move to project delivery.

Creative Europe – EU Craft Work 4.0 ALL

The EU Craft project is ongoing with regular weekly communications focused on monitoring and reviewing key performance metrics. On 17 June, a Create Your Creative Business Voice Podcast session was delivered by Ampifi in Carlow Library, with fifteen participants in attendance.

On 3rd and 4th June, two members from the Borris Lace Group facilitated workshop sessions in Greece, during which participants were introduced to and guided through the process of creating Borris Lace.

A call has been opened for participants to attend the Academy in Greece focused on jewellery in September. To date thirteen applications for two in person and two online places have been received. The closing date for applications was the 26th of June.

Erasmus + KA2 - Hands Across Generations

A steering group meeting was held on 3rd and 4th June in Greece, with all project partners in attendance. The meeting focused on reviewing progress to date and agreeing on the next steps to support the continued development of the project.

Erasmus + KA2 - Digi-Text

Six representatives from Ireland visited Greece on the 2nd-5th June 2026 with staff from Carlow County Council, LEO Louth, and a stakeholder from SETU & Carlow Kilkenny ETB. Participants were given an overview of the textile industry in Greece and visited textile companies in Greece to see how they incorporate sustainability and AI into their businesses. Representatives from Greece will visit Carlow in Qtr. 3, 6th – 10th July 2026 for a programme development session

Carlow- Luxembourg

A series of meetings was progressed for the Economic Development programme for Carlow and Luxembourg during the EU Presidency. Funding of €10,000 was awarded under the Communicating Europe Fund.

Interreg Europe - Innocom

Planning is ongoing for the last partner meeting in Brussels on the 29th and 30th September. Cynthia Ní Mhurchú MEP has confirmed that she will be available to speak at the closing conference



PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT/PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Bainistíocht Airgeadais/ Development Management

	June	YTD
No. Pre-Planning Meetings Held	4	23
FI/Clarification Requests	12	101
Decisions to Refuse	5	21
Decisions to Grant	26	159
Total Valid Application Received	27	167
Invalid Planning Application	4	46
Planning Applications Received	34	216
Exemption /Licence Applications Received	3	43
Compliance Requests Received	15	86

***Figures up to 30/06/2026
3 planning apps pre-validation at time of completion

Láithreáin Thréigthe/ Derelict Sites

	June	YTD
No. of Derelict Sites on the Register	9	9
No. of Active Files	21	21
Letters Issued to owner/occupier	0	5
Complaints Received	2	2
No. of Derelict Sites Files Closed	0	1
Meetings Held with Developer	0	0
DS Archived	0	0

Bannaí Slándála a Phleanáil/ Planning Security Bonds

	YTD
Total No. of Bonds Files	83
Total No. of Compliance Letters Issued	5
No. of Bonds Files Closed	1
Cash Security Received 2026	€94,520
Security Bond Held	€3,224,914.30
Bank/Guarantee Bonds	€1,603,786.70
Bonds Archived	0

Gníomhaíochtaí Forfheidhmithe/ Enforcement Activities

	June	YTD
Court Proceedings Ongoing		10
Warning Letter Issued	7	9
Enforcement Notice Served	3	4
Complaints Closed	2	4
New Enforcement Files Opened	2	37

Struchtúir Chontúirteacha/ Dangerous Structures

	June	YTD
Complaints Received	3	5
Notices/Letters Issued	0	0
No of Active Files		12
No. of Live Dangerous Structure		3

Tógáil Eastáit i gCúram / Eastáist Neamhchriochnaithe – Taking In Charge of Estates/ Unfinished Estates

	YTD
Dev. Under Review (Subject to Security Bond Funding)	6
Proposed Declaration S180 P&D Act	4
Development TIC	2
Requests Received for TIC	1
TIC Archived	0

Forward Planning

Update on Variations to the County Development Plan

Variation no. 2 (Muine Bheag-Royal Oak District Town Plan), Variation No. 3 (Tullow District Town Plan) and Variation No. 4 (NPF: Additional Residential Zoning Carlow Town and Environs) have been fully completed and are available for display on the Councils Consultation Portal. [Consultations | Carlow County Council's Online Consultation Portal](#)

Further Variations as maybe required will be considered in Q3/Q4 of 2026.

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region is currently under review. The public consultation period on the published Issues Paper closed on 22/5/26. Carlow County Council has made a formal submission to the process and is available for public viewing at this link: [Review of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region \(RSES\) | Southern Regional Assembly's Consultation Portal](#). Following consideration of submissions a Directors Report will be prepared for consideration by the members of the regional assembly followed by preparation of the Draft RSES at which time further consultation will take place.

Given the strategic position of Carlow Town within two regional assembly areas Carlow County Council has also made a submission to the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly which can be accessed at this link: [Pre-DRAFT RSES Public Consultation - Strategic Issues Paper | Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly's Consultation Portal](#).



ATHNUACHANA/REGENERATION

Clár Gníomhachtaíthe/ Vacant & Derelict Property Activation Programme

Vacant/Derelict Properties identified through survey	671
Properties activated	650
Action being taken by owners	140
Owner has engaged	52
Properties brought back in to use	203

Deontas Athchóirithe Maoine Folmha/ Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Applications Received	195
FI Requested	13
Inspection to be carried out	15
Applications Approved	56
Applications Declined	3
Applications Withdrawn	41
Works Complete being processed for payment	5
Grants paid to date	53

Clár CPO/ CPO Programme

CPO Commenced	50
CPO Withdrawn	5
CPO Referred to ACP	2
Vested	20

Glao 3 URDF/ URDF Call 3

Properties approved	18
Activated	14
CPO commenced	5
CPO Referred to ACP	0
Vested	4
Acquired	1
Sale Agreed	4
Sale Closed	1

Suíomhanna Tréigthe/ Derelict Sites

Section 8(2) Notice	9
Section 8(7) Notice	5

Town & Village Renewal Projects

PROJECT	PROJECT ELEMENTS	STATUS	BUDGET
Tullow Town Park	Transformation of Tullow Town Park into a vibrant, accessible, multi-use community space featuring paths, skatepark, games area, river access and nature-based amenities.	Architectural Design Consultant appointed. Project commenced. Bi-weekly meetings scheduled with Design Consultant.	€726,342
Rathtoe	Funding approval to undertake preparatory work for the development of a multifunctional, inclusive outdoor recreational hub in Rathtoe.	Tender for Design Team published 8 th June 2026.	€48,750

Rural Regeneration & Development Projects

PROJECT	PROJECT ELEMENTS	STATUS	BUDGET
Schoolhouse Rathvilly	Provision of a Community Centre through the renovation of existing original structure.	Final Design presentation provided by Design Team to Community Group on 12 th May. Design approved by Community Group. Construction Tender being prepared.	€2,737,384
Market Square Tullow	Preparatory work for the revitalisation of the Market Square in the Town Centre.	Funding approval received to bring the project through the Part VIII process. Tender for Design Team published 5 th June 2026.	€197,415

Thrive Project

PROJECT	PROJECT ELEMENTS	STATUS	COST
Former Bank of Ireland Building, Court Place, Carlow	The redevelopment of the premises for office and community use	Funding Agreement in place Part VIII approval obtained. QS/PM tender closed and assessment underway. Tender for Design Team published 7 th May 2026. Ongoing engagement with the Southern Regional Assembly and first Project Performance Report submitted.	€6,650,000



BÓITHRE, IOMPAR AGUS TIONSCADAIL SPEISIALTA/ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

	June-2026	Ytd
Road Opening Licence	35	278
Abnormal Load Permits	11	45
Public Lighting repairs	38	475
Reported Outages	25	96
Total No of Ticketing awaiting repair	25	124

Please note that Total No of Tickets includes faults that require ESB to attend, traffic Management reports, access issues etc. This figure will change throughout the month as the status of jobs changes.

Lighting outages that have been referred to ESB:

- Abbey St Templeowen **Awaiting technician from the ESB to repair the fault**
- Somerton Court: **Awaiting technician from the ESB to repair the fault**
- Ballygowan: **Awaiting technician from the ESB to repair the fault

Jobs awaiting Traffic Management Plans

- Tullow St (to be reviewed with Lighting contractor)

Jobs awaiting lighting design/commencing on-site

- Old Chapel Lane **(Civil works starting 27-04-26 **
- Oaklawns ** Awaiting connection from ESB**
- Idrone Park ** Lighting design received, awaiting site commencement date from contractor**

Funding Category	Project Name & Updates	Status
National Road Maintenance Investment	Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) provide funding for the maintenance & improvement of the National Road network throughout the county	Carlow County Council was notified by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of the 2026 allocation in the amount of €1,907,146 for the maintenance & improvement of the National Road network throughout the county.
	National Road – Additional Maintenance	Following a condition survey of the national secondary road network, Carlow submitted applications for additional funding, receiving €446,300 to undertake the necessary remedial works.
	HD28 Programme	Carlow received notification from TII of 2 number HD28 locations on the national road network, receiving €180,000 to undertake the necessary remedial works.

	National Secondary Road Delineation works	Carlow in conjunction with TII & Tramore house NRO developed a proposal to refresh the road markings & studs on the N80 from Enniscorthy to Tullamore. Works are currently on-site on the section of the N80 through Co Carlow.
National Road Improvement Investment	N80 Leagh Bends Scheme	On the 14th November 2025, ACP issued its decision in respect of 177AE Planning Application & the CPO Application, confirming the applications with conditions & modifications. Following the decision, the statutory period pertaining to Judicial Review has now elapsed, whereby on the 8th April Carlow submitted to TII the completion of Phase 4 (Statutory Processes), seeking consent to commence Phase 5 (Enabling and Procurement). Carlow is awaiting a decision
	N80 Average Speed Camera Zone	On the 18 th March, Carlow submitted the F&O Report, subsequently receiving approval to progress the Design. Separately, Carlow submitted a request to An Garda Síochána in respect of the enforcement equipment. Carlow is awaiting a decision
	N81 Judy Lee's Crossroads Safety Improvement Scheme	Resurfacing works are rescheduled until August, while discussions progress with neighbouring landowners in respect of lands to facilitate further improvements works.
	M9(J5) Park & Share Facility	On the 15 th January, Carlow submitted the F&O Report to develop a facility adjacent to M9(J5). The application has been approved, whereby Carlow will progress the Design Report for the proposal and proceed with negotiations to acquire the necessary lands.
	N80 O'Brien Road Safety Scheme	Carlow Co Co engaged Kildare RDO to progress, the topographical survey has been completed, and the Feasibility & Options Report is being developed.
	N81 Bough to Rathvilly Bridge Pavement Improvement Scheme	Following notification of funding, Carlow engaged Kildare RDO to progress the Pavement Repair & Renewal Report for this scheme. (expected in Q3-2026), Following approval, the design & procurement will progress.

Regional & Local Road Grant Allocations	The Department of Transport (DOT) provides funding for the maintenance & improvement of the Regional & Local Road network throughout the county. Strategic Improvement Project <i>(Carlow Southern Relief Road)</i>	Carlow County Council was notified by the Department of Transport of the 2026 grant allocations in the total amount of €9,707,625 for the maintenance & improvement of Regional and Local Road. Separately a submission has been made to the Department seeking additional emergency funds for structurally damaged roads in the county of approximately €4 million following the recent severe weather event. Carlow is awaiting a decision Phase 1 (Feasibility) was completed in August 2025. Phase 2 (Options Selection) is currently underway as follows: Stage 1 (Route Corridor Options) consultation complete. Stage 2 (Route Corridor Assessments) CBA & MCA currently underway. Thereafter a public display will be held to inform the public & stakeholders of the preferred option under Stage 3 (Emerging Preferred Option).
Road Opening Licencing	Uisce Éireann Interim Agreement for Asset Operations	MapRoad Licensing is the national system for the management and processing of roadworks licence for which Utilities and contractors must submit applications online. Local Authorities are responsible for validation and overseeing of licence agreements within their jurisdiction. Carlow County Council has entered an interim agreement with Uisce Eireann in advance of their transitioning to MapRoad Licensing (MRL) before/by 30th June 2026.
Carlow Noise Action Plan	Carlow County Council Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028 Annual Return	The Noise Action Plan Annual Report for 2025 was completed on the reporting template for the return of NAP Progress Reports for 2025 and was submitted to the Office of Radiation Protection and Environmental Monitoring in the EPA on the 27th February 2025, prior to the 28th February deadline. The Annual Noise Action Report details the summary list of actions

		within the noise action plan and provides progress made in the 2025 calendar year. Details of Priority Important Areas (PIAs) which have been addressed under the noise action plan in the 2025 year are set out in the Annual Noise Action Report 2025 submitted. This report has been published on the Council's webpage under Roads Section on Noise.
Local Improvement Scheme	Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht	An allocation of €374,850 for Local Improvement Schemes has been received by Carlow County Council. Priority 1 5 Schemes selected costing €374,846.26.
Hedge Cutting	Under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993, landowners and occupiers of land are obliged to take all reasonable care to ensure that trees, ditches, hedges and other vegetation growing on their land are not a hazard or a potential danger to people using or working on a public road or public footpath. Examples of hazards might be dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs, public lighting or a view of the road ahead. Restrictions on cutting hedgerows are set out in Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Heritage Act 2018. These Acts stipulate that it is an offence to destroy vegetation on uncultivated land between the 1st of March and the 31st of August each year.	Publication of Notice was placed in Carlow Nationalist dated Tuesday 3rd February 2026 notifying landowners of their obligations under the legislation and the Hedge Cutting season between the 1st September 2025 to 28th February 2026. All MD's continue to carry out inspections and a significant number of hedge-cutting notices have issued since the 1st September. These are followed up with revisit inspections. Please do not hesitate to contact the MD offices if you wish to report hedges causing an obstruction or contact roadsoffice@carlowcoco.ie.
Speed Limit Review	Default Urban Speed Limits	Circular RW 21 of 2025 issued on the 16 th October 2025 with regards to the implementation of built-up and urban area speed limits. Chapters 4 and 7 of the "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" have been updated to assist local authorities in this process. The Circular notes that Phase 2 of the speed limit changes is to be implemented through the adoption of a "Special Speed Limit Bye Law" rather than the introduction of a 30km default speed limit in built up and urban areas. An implementation date for all urban speed limit changes has been set for 31 st

		March 2027. Appendix A as required by the Department of Transport for the estimation of signage quantities for the implementation of the Built-up and Urban area Speed Limits was returned to the Department as required on the 25th February 2026. Under section 4.8 of the Guidelines for Setting & Managing Speed Limits in Ireland, the PRE-DRAFT CONSULTATION has been completed in which 7 Workshops have been held with MD Engineers, MD Elected Members, Garda Síochána plus Liasing with adjoining Local Authorities. It has been agreed with Elected Members to progress to a Non-Statutory Pre-Draft Bye-Laws Public Consultation to be advertised in July.
Development of an EV Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5 of the Regional and Local Electric Vehicle Strategy	Regional EV Infrastructure Strategy	As part of the Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024-2030, Tipperary County Council as lead authority recently announced the appointment of Ove Arup & Partners Ireland, T/A Arup as the Consultant for the development of an Electric Vehicle Strategy for Region 5. Tipperary County Council as lead authority will develop the strategy in collaboration with the local authorities of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford. An information webinar for elected members and senior local authority officials was held on the 16th December 2025. The draft strategy is being reviewed by ZEVI and it will likely go on public display in Q2 of 2026.
Active Travel	Active Travel Pathfinder - Carlow to SETU Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme	This scheme is being progressed in two phases. Phase 1 runs from Munnelly's Junction to The Creek Restaurant while Phase 2 runs from The Creek Restaurant to Granby Row Junction. The Phase 1 works are substantially complete with just some road markings and landscaping outstanding, which are expected to be complete in the coming weeks. Works on Phase 2 of the scheme of the scheme are progressing as planned and are expected to be complete in mid-July.

	Hillbrook Estate Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme, Tullow	The Section 38 public consultation process for the scheme is now closed for submissions. 7no. submission were received. A Section 38 report is currently being prepared for the Director of Services with recommendations on how best to proceed. If approved, the scheme is expected to progress to construction in Q3 and be complete by the end of the year.
	Church Street Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme, Graiguecullen	The Section 38 public consultation process commenced on 09/06/2026. A public information session was held in St. Fiacc's Hall, Graiguecullen on 26/06/2026. The closing date for submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development is 07/07/2026.
	SRTS - Queen of the Universe N.S., Bagenalstown.	Tower Plant & Civil Engineering Ltd. were appointed as the main contractor for the scheme and commenced work in January. The works were completed on 29/05/2026.
	SRTS – St. Brigid's N.S., Grange, Tullow.	The Section 38 public consultation process commenced on 05/05/2026. The closing date for submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development was 02/06/2026. 3no. submissions were received during the public consultation period. A Section 38 report is currently being prepared for the Director of Services with recommendations on how best to proceed. If approved, the scheme is expected to progress to construction in Q3 and be complete by the end of the year.
	SRTS - Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown	The Project Outline Delivery Plan has been received from An Taisce's Infrastructure Officer. This document has been reviewed and a preliminary design for the scheme is currently being prepared based on its recommendations. The Section 38 public consultation process for the scheme will commence upon completion of the preliminary design.
	2026 NTA Bus Stop Enhancement Programme:	30 Bus Stop upgrades considered for 2026 in both urban and rural locations throughout the County. Available space to provide shelter structures was a constraining factor at the vast majority of sites. 3 sites are suitable for shelters in 2026. New bench seating will be provided where possible as an alternative. Final design and tender documents completed. Tender published and due back on July 10 th . 2 separate crews stipulated to expedite works before year end.

		Anticipated construction start date in early August with priority given to school locations, while still closed.
URDF	Rail Link Project:	The contractor is progressing on site, with works programmed to finish by Nov. 2026. Final finishes are underway in some areas of the works.
	Main Town Centre Projects: - Tullow St. - Barrack St. Link - Barrack St. & Shamrock Sq. - Kennedy Ave. - Potato Market	The main TC project tender package is almost complete. The BoQ is being finalised with OMC to be updated for approval by the Department, in order to publish the tender. A contractor framework is in the process of being set up. Framework submission window is now closed, and submissions are currently being reviewed.
	TCRIF (Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund): - 1A Barrow Track Masterplan - 1A Town Hall Feasibility Study - 1B Link Streets - 1B Carlow Old Town Quarter	Four projects have been submitted and are currently under review by the department. The projects will, if funded, be delivered by the URDF & Regeneration Teams.



Tionscadail Speisialta Forbairt/Special Projects Delivery

Project Name	Key Updates
Bagenalstown Town and Village Public Realm	The Contractor is currently on site remedying the remaining snags. It is expected all snags will be completed within a week.
Historic Structures Fund–Tullow Court House	The Council is awaiting confirmation of the scope of conservation works that the grant funding will cover as not all works proposed may be considered conservation works by the Department. There is also a need to balance conservation works and upgrade works within available funding while preventing deterioration of the building into the future.
Carlow Town – URDF – Rail Link through St. Patrick’s College	Works are continuing on site. Installation of the limestone kerbing is nearing completion and installation of the granite paving has begun. First fix cabling is underway to enable diversion of existing ESB overhead lines at St. Joseph’s Road and provide new electrical connection for public lighting. The current programme of works is scheduled to the end of November 2026.
Carlow Town – URDF – Town Centre Scheme	The weathered steel gate has been installed on the Barrack Street Link, completing works in that area. The review of the draft tender documents for the main works contract is complete, and a final set of tender documents is being prepared for issue during Q3 2026. The single party framework received 16 detailed submissions and is currently at tender assessment stage. The tenderers will be shortlisted and a subsequent mini competition held to award the Main Town Centre works contract during Q4 2026. The Gate 2 all in cost plan is being revised based on current valuations before submittal to the Department for approval.
Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)	Kilkenny County Council, as Lead Authority, are supervising completion of the remaining supplementary agreement works in conjunction with the Contractor. Updating of the Unmetered Register to reflect the LED upgrades is ongoing.
Carlow Town Mobility Hubs Project	The Consultant’s scope of works, funded by the NTA, for the first phase of Mobility Hub is now complete. The NTA are currently working on the best approach in terms of design and delivery of Phase 2, with clarity on the next steps expected in the coming weeks. Funding is to be provided by the NTA once all hub locations are approved.



AN COMHSHAOL AGUS CNÍOMHÚ AR SON NA HAERÁIDE/ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION

Gearáin/Complaints 2026 Ytd.

Complaint Type	Complaints	Active	Resolved
Litter	242	38	204
Waste	82	23	59
Water Pollution	22	5	17
Noise	9	2	7
Air Pollution	2	1	1
Burning	13	3	10
Sludge/Slurry	2	0	2
Veterinary/Vermin	40	22	18
Paper	0	0	0
Glass	1	0	1
Hedge Cutting	0	0	0
Abandoned Cars	45	20	25
Invasive Species	1	0	1
Total	459	114	345

**excluding c/f from 2025*

Forfheidhmiú/Enforcement 2026 Ytd.

Legislation	Advisory Letter	Warning Letter	Notice	Fines issued
Litter Act	0	0	0	83
Air Pollution Act	27	1	0	0
Water Pollution Act	5	13	0	0
Waste Management Act	3	30	0	0
Farm Inspections	0	0	0	0
Septic Advisory Notices	3	0	0	0
Total	38	44	0	83

Ceatharlach/Cill Chainnigh Dídean Madraí/Carlow/Kilkenny Dog Shelter

	2026
Month Beginning	4
Strays	12
Surrenders	4
Totals	20

	2026
Reclaims	5
Re-homed by Shelter	0
Directed to Rescue	13
End of Month	2
Total	20

Madraí a Rialú/Control of Dogs 2026

Licences purchased following Dog Warden visit	105
Annual Licences purchased	347
No. of Dog Breeding Establishments registered	10

Cigireachtaí Feirme/Farm Inspections

National Agricultural Inspection Programme NAIP - Initial	10
Follow up Inspections	0

Pionóis Bruscair/Litter Fines 2026 Ytd.

Litter Fines Issued	83
Appeals Received	16
Successful Appeals	3
Unsuccessful Appeals	13
Successful Prosecutions	0

Iniúchtaí Uisce/Uisce Briste/Water/Wastewater Inspections 2026

	2026
Discharge Licences to Water (Section 4)	4
Audits of Private Water Supplies	0
Additional Farm Inspections – Complaints, Nutrient Management Plan Reviews, Sludge Spreading Inspections	28
River investigative monitoring samples and analysis	107
Bathing Water samples	4
Septic Tank inspections for National Inspection Plan	8
Surface & Groundwater Protection Inspections of land e.g. drinking water source protection for safe use of pesticides	0
Unauthorised discharges investigated – Pollution instances	21
Agricultural Planning Inspections - Reports	21

Biodiversity

Carlow Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2031

Following public consultation on the pre-draft Discussion Paper, a Draft Plan was presented to the June SPC meeting, with a recommendation to go before the July Council meeting.

Artificial Lighting At Night

Carlow County Council, in partnership with Local Authorities across Leinster, held a Training Day for Local Authority staff on the impacts of excessive artificial light on nocturnal biodiversity and dark skies, particularly lights used solely for aesthetic reasons, and the solutions to mitigate such impacts, including timing, location, height and direction.

Environmental Awareness

A very engaging Food Waste workshop took place in McGrath Hall, in partnership with Bagenalstown Community Garden, which included an in season/food waste cookery demo, with 25 people in attendance.

The 2025/26 An Taisce Green Flag Ceremony took place with 11 Carlow schools being presented with flags this year.

Pathfinder Project

Progress continues under the Pathfinder Programme in respect of decarbonisation measures at the Visual and County Buildings. Detailed energy assessments and feasibility work have been undertaken for the Visual Theatre, with a focus on fabric upgrades, heating system optimisation and integration of renewable energy solutions. The programme is advancing through design and procurement stages, with a view to delivering measurable reductions in energy consumption and carbon emissions, in line with national climate targets.

Bagenalstown Cemetery Extension

The Bagenalstown Cemetery Extension project has progressed significantly through the planning and pre-construction stages. Part VIII approval has been secured following completion of the statutory consultation process, with submissions considered and technical responses prepared in respect of groundwater and environmental matters. Land acquisition has advanced and is nearing completion, enabling progression to the next phase of delivery. Detailed design and tender documentation have been finalised, with the construction tender process completed and contractor appointment imminent. Supporting site investigations, including topographical, archaeological and groundwater assessments, have been undertaken to inform construction.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

CCTV Location		Number of Offences Detected
1	Hacketstown Bring Bank	42
2	Tullogh Bring Bank	35
3	Town Hall Car park Bring Bank	0
4	St. Mary's Cemetery	2
5	Mt. Leinster	0
Total Number of Offences YTD		79

**Enforcement proceedings have issued for offences detected where supporting CCTV evidence has met the legal requirements to discharge the burden of proof*

Powerstown Civic Amenity

Powerstown Civic Amenity site hosted a very successful amnesty for waste paint between 16th to 19th June. A total of 1,980 customers visited the facility during these dates, including 1,343 customers availing of the waste paint amnesty. This was funded by the Southern Regional Waste Management Planning Office and Enva were appointed as the main contractor to transport and treat the paint. The total tonnage of waste paint accepted was approximately 43 tonnes. The annual average of waste paint collected in Powerstown is 6.1 tonnes. The waste paint collected during the paint amnesty equates to the equivalent of approximately 7 years of paint collections at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site.

Staff at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site are currently assisting Carlow Beekeepers with work required to upgrade the apiary and training facilities at the site. The upgrades include installation of sanitary and welfare facilities, provision of a car parking area, and connection to water and sewerage systems.

The wildflower meadows in Powerstown Landfill are being actively managed with onsite grazing of pastures and the recruitment of a botanist to carry out a survey of the site. Mowing of grass is minimised in line with the All-Ireland Pollinator plan.



SEIRBHÍSÍ ÉIGEANDÁLA AGUS RIALÚ FOIRGNAÍOCHTA/EMERGENCY SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL

	June 26	YTD
Fire Safety Certificates	1	28
Building Control Inspections	10	55
Disability Access Certificates	2	15
Commencement Notices	15	90
Certificates of Compliance	3	17

No. of Fire Call outs per Station	June 26	YTD
Bagenalstown	10	85
Carlow Town	33	173
Hacketstown	3	31
Tullow	13	72

No. of Fires within Areas	June 26	YTD
Carlow	7	63
Adjoining Counties	4	13

Special Services: June 26	Number
Entrapment	1
Gas/Chemicals	0
Hazardous Substances in Transit	0
Hazardous Substances Non-Fire	0
Rescue from Machinery	1
Miscellaneous	6
Other Rescue	2
Rescue/Removal of Persons from Water	0
Road Traffic Accident	10
Water Pumping/Flooding	0
Total	20

False Alarms: June 26	Number
Malicious	0
Good Intent	7
Total	7

Capital Projects

Approval has been granted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management for capital funding to refurbish the Bagenalstown Fire Station. The final design, 3D modelling, and quantity surveying is now complete and has been presented to the NDFEM, a total of €2.778m has now been approved and this project has now progressed to tendering and the Part VIII planning process.

Minister James Browne, T.D has approved funding from the fire services capital programme 2026 -2030 to support the framework extension and the appliance allocation detailed below. March 10th, 2026 there was an announcement for an additional 20 Class B Fire Appliances for which Carlow County Fire & Rescue Service have been allocated one new Class B Fire Appliance. This is in addition to the current new Class B Appliance under this framework which is being built at HPMP Tullow.

Approval has been granted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management and Capital Funding has been allocated to County Carlow as part of a €4.566m capital funding for further development works at the Fire Services Learning and Development Centre, Hacketstown. The new Training Tower, Underground Confined Space Training Unit and site palisade fencing is progressing through the Part VIII planning process. A tender has been launched to procure a procurement consultant to tender and establish a framework for the supply of a fully enclosed carbonaceous fire training facilities with a smoke capture and filtration solution. This tender has now concluded and has been awarded. In this period a tender was launched to procure a supplier to convert a Breathing Apparatus training facility to LPG simulation, this tender has closed in this period and has been awarded to LION Products B.V.

Approval has been granted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management and €487,000 Capital Funding has been allocated to County Carlow for the procurement of a new Water Tanker which will replace the oldest Water Tanker in the fleet, a heavy diesel HGV with a modern vehicle HVO compliant and fitted with the latest safety features. This project has now completed the tendering process, and contract has been awarded to HPMP Tullow.

Approval has been granted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management and €90,000 Capital Funding has been allocated to County Carlow for the procurement of a new All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) equipped with a water tank, pump and firefighting equipment. This ATV will be HVO compliant and will be stationed in Bagenalstown fire station to support wildland firefighting across Mt. Leinster and the Black Stairs Mountain areas. This ATV has now been procured with fire service livery applied and is now undergoing fit out of water tank and pump. We expect to see this vehicle to be operational June 2026. Drivers are currently being trained for using this vehicle offroad.

Approval has been granted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management and €120,000 Capital Funding has been allocated to County Carlow for the procurement and installation of back-up generators and change over switches for all fire stations and the Fire Services Learning & Development Centre, Hacketstown. This project has now completed the tendering process, and contract has been awarded to Depower Solutions.

Approval has been granted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management and €90,000 Capital Funding has been allocated to County Carlow for the conversion of a Fire Appliance into a dedicated Community Fire Safety Fire Appliance equipped with virtual reality equipment and other modern day education equipment to further improve Community Fire Safety engagement in the modern-day society. This will be the first of it's kind in the country. This project has moved to tendering stage.

Approval has been granted by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management and €363,000 Capital Funding has been allocated to County Carlow for the purchase and replacement of all Breathing Apparatus Sets and Breathing Apparatus Air Cylinders in addition to a new Breathing Apparatus set decontamination machine, drying cabinet and a new Air Compressor. This project has moved to tendering stage.

Operations

Emergency Service Driver Standard training has been completed this month for new drivers across the four fire stations. Firefighters also attended Mental Health Champions training.

The County Fire Service firefighters have completed Manual Handling and dedicated team building training at each fire station during this period.

Community Fire Safety

Firefighters from across the County completed further Home Fire Safety Visits, offering fire safety advice to homeowners and installing smoke detectors in homes where there were none present or where additional detectors are required due to the layout or complexity of the home.

Firefighters also attended the Carlow Older People's Council information roadshows at both Hacketstown Community Hall and Ballinakillen Community Centre providing home fire safety advice.

Fire Services Learning and Development Centre, Hacketstown

13 firefighters from Kilkenny fire service completed the QQI Breathing Apparatus course and 10 firefighters from Waterford completed the QQI Compartment Fire Behaviour course at the Fire Services Learning and Development Centre, Hacketstown. A regional training event was also hosted for Emergency Generator training for Local Authorities from across the region.



AN RANNÓG TITHÍOCHTA/ HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Total Housing Stock	2172
Social Housing Applications	63/336 YTD
Total HAP Tenancies	438
New HAP 2026	9
Transfer Applications	7/34 YTD
Anti-Social Behaviour Complaints	10/38 YTD
Housing Maintenance Calls Logged	189/1517 YTD
CAS Acquisitions (Sale Closed)	0 YTD
SHIP Acquisitions (Sale Closed)	0
New Allocations	10/88 YTD

Iasacht Tí Údaráis Áitiúil//Local Authority Home Loan Update June 2026 Year to date

	June 2026	Year to date
No. of Loan Offer drawdowns including partial drawdown	1	2
Final Loan Approvals	0	3
No. of AIPs Issued	3	5
No. of LAHL Received	2	10
Value of Drawdown	€128,000.00	€227,900.00

Líon na nIarratas ar Dheontais Cheadaithe/ No. Approved Grant Applications

	Total applications approved at 29/06/2026	Number of valid applications under consideration at 29/06/2026	Total number of applications on hand at 29/06/2026
Housing Aid for Older People	53	116	169
Housing Adaption Grant for People with a Disability	74	55	129
Mobility Aid	05	12	17
Total	132	183	315

Location	No. of Units	Breakdown of units	Status	Delivery Date
CARLOW MD				
Lochain Bui	11	12 x 2 bed units	Part V process ongoing	2026
Friar's Green (Part V)	2	2 x 3 bed units	Completed	2026
Cois Dara (Phase 3) – Part V	16	16 x 2 bed units	Part V agreed, 6 units being acquired, balance due by end of year.	2026
Kennedy Street (CPO)	3/4	Number of units to be confirmed once design complete	Appointment of the design team completed and site surveys are ongoing.	2026
151 JKL Avenue	1	1 x 3 bed	On site	2026
12 Burrin Street (CPO)	3	Number of units to be confirmed once design complete	Preliminary design stage.	2026
Montgomery Street (Cluid)	26	2 x 1 bed apt 12 x 2 bed apt 12 x 3 bed apt	On Site	2026
St Endas, Graiguecullen	4	1 x 1 bed unit 3 x 2 bed units	Tender process in progress	2027
Tanner Hall	49	8 x 2 bed units 26 x 3 bed units 15 x 2 bed units	Funding application approved by Dept.	2027
TULLOW MD				
Tullowbeg (CHI)	26	21 x 2 bed units 5 x 3 bed units	Works ongoing	2026
Bridigine Convent	1	TBC	Part V agreement process underway	2026
Railway Close – Part V	4	4 x 3 bed units	Completed – 2 Part V units being acquired, 2 remaining to be affordable.	2026
HSE Unit Hacketstown	1	1 x 2 bed unit	Pre Part VIII	2026
An Cúirt, Hacketstown	12	5 x 1 bed units 5 x 2 bed units 2 x 3 bed units	Pre Part VIII approved, process commencing to full Part VIII application.	2027
Muine Bheag MD				
Upper Main Street Borris	2	2 x 2 bed units	Allocation process underway	2026
Green Drake, Borris (AHB – Tintean)	17	2 x 1 bed units 15 x 2 bed units	Allocation process underway	2026
Health Centre Tinnahinch	2	2 x 2 bed units	Pre Part VIII	2027

Mionscrúdú a dhéanamh ar na Tithe/Housing Inspections

	Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)	Private Rented (PRTB)	Complaints	Total
First Inspection	35	7	76	3	121
Re-inspection	34	4	14	5	57
Total Compliance (After 1st or subsequent inspections)	11	0	14	1	26
Total Non-compliance (After 1st or subsequent inspections)	58	11	76	7	152
Improvement Notice	10	1	2	0	13
Prohibition Notice	5	0	2	0	7

Seirbhísí do Dhaoine Dídean / Homeless Services Update 30th June 2026

<i>Temporary Emergency Accommodation</i>			
	Adult	Children	Total
De Paul Accommodation	18	0	18
Additional Emergency Accommodation	38	38	76
Total in Emergency Accommodation	56	38	94
<i>Homeless Presentations – June</i>			
Total Presentations	36 Adults & 26 Children		
Prevention/not placed	30 Adults & 2 Children		

<i>Own Front Door (OFD) – Supported Accommodation</i>			
	Adult	Children	Total
KVHA	42	31	73
Refuge/Safehouse	4	7	11
Focus Ireland	4	10	14
Total	50	48	98

Note: The position as outlined below is relevant to a particular date and is subject to change.

Capacity – New 1 bed available. No exits in June



AN STIÚRTHÓIREACHT AIRGEADAIS/FINANCE DIRECTORATE

Financial Management Report - Period Ended 31st Mar 2026				
	Opening Bal. 01/01/26	Expenditure	Income	Closing Bal. 31/03/26
Revenue Account	-1,043,195	16,428,797	-16,684,286	-1,298,684
Capital Account	-50,248,509	19,350,823	-15,082,754	-45,980,440
Debtors (Gross)	20,260,983			35,978,810

MÓTARCHÁIN/ MOTOR TAX

Motor Tax Transactions Month Ended	May-26	Year To Date
In Person Motor Tax Transactions	1,195	6,211
Online Motor Tax Transactions	5,299	29,861
Total Transactions	6,494	36,072
<i>Percentage of Online Transactions</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>83%</i>



POBAL, ÁINEAS, TAITNEMHACHT, SPÓIRT AGUS TACAÍOCHT CHOMHTHÁTHAITHE / COMMUNITY, RECREATION, AMENITY, SPORTS & INTEGRATION SUPPORT

Active Carlow Programmes/Activities/Training/Workshops	89
Active Carlow Payments Processed	54
Active Carlow Social Media Metrics	18,753 combined views
Community Engagement (meetings/events)	11
Community Grants Processed	6
Discretionary Funding Processed	27 claims processed totalling €17,343.00

Active Carlow

For the month of June, Active Carlow delivered a variety of training, taster sessions and programmes as follows;

- **She Swims** was a women's swim programme which came to an end on 4th of June with 25 women having learned to swim. This programme was designed for both beginners and improvers who wanted to build confidence in the water at their own pace.
- **Men's Walk & Talk** is run in partnership with the Carlow Mental Health Association. In June the walks were facilitated in Kilbrannish South, St Mullins and Bahanna Woods and saw 20 participants sharing conversation, connection and exercise.
- **Men's Shed Adapted Exercise** continued this month with 20 members of the Carlow Men's Shed Association. The initiative, based in St Fiacc's Hall, combines adapted physical activity sessions with structured walks and a cup of tea / coffee afterward to support health and peer connection.
- **Lowland Wanderers** had one guided walk in June which took place in Drumgoff Forest with 20 participants.
- **Wednesday Wanderers** had two guided walks over the month of June with a combined total of 29 participants in Altamont Gardens and Oak Park.
- **ForeverFit** is an older adult's resistance training class which is held across various Co. Carlow locations which continued through the month of June. It helps over 100

participants over the age of 55 each week build strength benefiting daily life.

- **Safeguarding 1** was delivered as an online course, in June with 13 participants from Carlow clubs upskilled in child welfare and safeguarding procedures.
- **Traveller Men's & Boys Handball** started in June in conjunction with Garryhill Handball Club. 8 men and 8 boys from the Travelling Community took part in coached 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 handball sessions with equipment provided to them.
- **Refugee Week Soccer Match** was held in Kilkenny on 18th June with 6 refugees living in Carlow who are engaging with the Integration Team travelling to Kilkenny to play in the match and enjoyed a social connection throughout.
- **New Communities Learn to Swim Programme** was a free-swimming lesson programme for 60 children aged 4-17 hosted in Graiguecullen Swimming Pool which finished in June.
- **Old School Games for New Communities** were facilitated in conjunction with the Integration Team. Active Carlow provided fun physical activities and games for 20 families, with approximately 60 children participating held in An Gairdín Beo.
- **Primary Schools Sports Days** 600 students supported in four primary schools; Myshall, Clonegal, Tinryland, & St. Lazieran's participated in Sports Days that were ran by Active Carlow Tutors across 2 weeks in June
- **Bagenalstown In Bloom Games** engaged over 100+ participants in traditional old-school games as part of Bagenalstown in Bloom on Saturday, 13th June.
- **Bagenalstown In Bloom Stretch & Savour** had 15 participants enjoy a morning coffee in the Old Post Office followed by a leisurely walk down by the River Barrow.
- **Buggy Buddies Bagenalstown** facilitated 15 participants each week in June to enjoy a welcoming and safe environment for parents, carers, and their babies. These sessions encourage social connection, supported early physical activity and promoted health and wellbeing within the local community.
- **Balance Bikes** were provided on loan to 8 Primary Schools across Carlow in the month of June to provide children with regular opportunities to develop their cycling skills in a fun and engaging way.

	• Bike Week 2026 was successfully coordinated to engage 1,656 Participants across 23 events in partnership with local schools and community groups. Activities included cycling workshops, bike maintenance sessions, community cycles and a range of family-friendly cycling events. • Inclusive Rugby was delivered in conjunction with Leinster Rugby for 20 adults with additional needs who attend the Delta Centre. This programme took place across the month of June and was facilitated by Carlow Rugby Club and hosted on their grounds.
Community Development	Community Development Programmes, Projects & Initiatives <i>Carlow's Pride of Place Grants and Competition</i> <u>Grants</u> Four claims totalling €4,610 were processed under Carlow's Pride of Place grants scheme. Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Competition (Tullow and Ballymurphy) Preparation for the competition is ongoing with the Community Development Worker (CDO) assisting both the Tullow and Ballymurphy communities. Community Development Officer (CDO) During June the Community Development Officers continued community engagement as follows: • <u>Bagenalstown in Bloom</u>: Events such as the Picnic on the Pitch' in the Bagenalstown Cricket Club resulted in many new local people coming to the club for the first time. • <u>Picker Pals & Tidy Towns</u>: A collaboration between the Community and Environment departments resulted in the Picker Pals programme which links schools to local Tidy Towns groups. A list of schools has been developed to target for 2026 where a Tidy Towns group is present. Schools will benefit with Green Schools flags and Tidy Towns groups will build their capacity and will also receive social media training from Voice Ireland. • <u>Carlow Arts Festival in Bagenalstown</u>: For the first time Carlow Arts extended their programme to Bagenalstown for one day. To facilitate this, the Bagenalstown community were supported by the Community and Arts departments. The

	highlight was the Brazilian Dance Act in the hope that it will deepen the connections with the Brazilian community in Bagenalstown.
Age Friendly Carlow	Age Friendly Carlow continues to advance its programme of work in line with national Age Friendly Ireland priorities. The Older People's Council (OPC) meets monthly and is progressing its 2026 work plan. The second Information Roadshow was successfully delivered on the 24th of June in Ballinkillen Lorum Community Hall and work is ongoing to develop and strengthen these roadshows in partnership with the Fire Service, Public Participation Network, Volunteer Centre and Community Safety Partnership. The Community Support Register has entered its promotion phase, with coordinated engagement between Age Friendly, the Fire Service, An Garda Síochána and community groups to increase registrations and awareness. The Garda Station Accessibility Audit has been completed and submitted for review to Age Friendly Ireland. The OPC has secured €26,000 funding for a heritage project. The OPC website is now live and a podcast proposal under consideration.
Comhairle na nÓg	Comhairle na nÓg continues to operate with approximately twelve members meeting bi-weekly. The 2026 theme focuses on facilities for young people, with the teen space in Bagenalstown now completed. The group is prioritising engagement with hard-to-reach and lesser-heard young people to ensure inclusive participation, in line with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality youth participation policy. Funding of €25,000 has been received from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality for programme delivery in 2026.
Local Community Safety Partnership	Community Engagement and Consultation The LCSP continues to progress the development of the Community Safety Strategy through an extensive programme of community consultation and engagement. In June, the LCSP Team attended the Age Friendly Roadshow and engaged with the integration team to further consult with people in underrepresented groups. The consultation process to date attracted strong community participation, with approximately 350 respondents completing the Community Safety Survey and over 150 individuals engaging directly through community consultation events and the Empowered Community Safety Day.

Funding and Project Development

Community Safety Fund

The Bystander Intervention Project is funded by the Department of Justice Community Innovation Fund and takes a collaborative approach to tackling sexual violence and harassment (SVH) involving educational, statutory and community stakeholders throughout County Carlow.

The interview process for the Bystander Intervention Project Coordinator role was completed on 18th May. Ciara Byrne is now in post and will be coordinating this project. The By Stander Committee is now in place and recruitment for schools to engage with the programme has begun and will continue in September when schools reopen.

Carlow LCSP is working in partnership with Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board (KCETB) to support an application for Community Wellbeing and Mental Health First Response Training for Community Safety Fund 2026.

Farm Safety, Health and Wellbeing 2026

The multi-agency subgroup established to support programme development for the farming roots programme have met and are progressing a 4-week farm families programme which will roll out in Q3 of 2026. The programme will have two streams, one, piloted in a secondary school setting as an after-school group and the other, in a farm appropriate venue to attract farm families.

Creative Ireland 2026

The LCSP, in partnership with Amber Women's Refuge CLG, secured €5,000 through the Creative Ireland Programme for the delivery of the One Million Stars Ireland – Carlow Project.

The initiative has begun and is engaging women in weekly star weaving workshops. The project aims to promote hope, solidarity and community action in addressing domestic, sexual and gender-based violence.

Communications and Public Engagement

The LCSP continues to strengthen its communications strategy through Carlow County Council's digital and social media platforms.

Communications activity during June focused on:

- Promotion of Go Purple Day.
- Promotion of Community Safety Consultations and the Property Branding Scheme.
- Raising awareness of LCSP member organisations and the services they provide.
- Sharing information on community safety initiatives and funding opportunities.

This continued communications activity has helped increase

	awareness of the Partnership's work and encouraged engagement in community safety initiatives across the county. Property Branding Scheme Engagement took place at the Older Persons Council Information Roadshow in Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre on 24th June, where community members participated in both property branding demonstrations and community safety consultations.
Community Capital Projects	CLÁR Applications received continued to be processed during the month of June. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Carlow County Council is now inviting Expressions of Interest from community groups and organisations for the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2026/2027. Eligible projects include: ◇ Project development, including equestrian trails and bridleways ◇ Small-scale repairs and improvements ◇ Medium-scale trail and amenity developments ◇ Strategic large-scale outdoor recreation projects Carlow County Council Expression of Interest deadlines: ● Project Development & Measure 1 – 5.00 p.m. Friday, 14 August 2026 ● Measures 2 & 3 – 5.00 p.m. Friday, 25 September 2026 For full details, eligibility criteria and application information, visit: 🌐 https://carlow.ie/community/community-funding/outdoor-recreation-infrastructure-scheme Tullow Road Multifunctional Hub Construction works are progressing well, however, there are capacity issues with the ESB supply which is being pursued with the utility company. Water Activity Hub Tender process to engage a design team has commenced. A decision from the Department is awaited before the next stage can commence.

Carlow Local Action Group	A meeting of Carlow Local Action Group was held on 26th June 2026. The following Projects were given approval: - Blackstairs Eco Trails – renovation of historical barn for tourism accommodation. - Carlow Community Enterprise Centres CLG – The Hive at Enterprise House – Hubs.
Integration Support	New Beneficiary of Temporary Protection (BOTP) Measures As part of the transition from temporary protection, a new scheme has been introduced to support eligible Ukrainians who wish to remain in Ireland. The new Temporary Protection Transition Scheme for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs) will be provided on a Stamp 4 basis and granted for a period of up to two years. The permission will be renewable for further two-year periods, with time spent on this permission counting towards naturalisation. It is intended that applications for the new permission will open in September 2026. Eligibility criteria will include: • Residency in Ireland for a minimum of one year as a Beneficiary of Temporary Protection; • Employment or self-employment for at least six months, with a minimum annual salary of €29,432; • Not being in receipt of State-supported accommodation, such as commercially provided accommodation or hosted accommodation supported through the Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP), at the time of application. Offer A Home There are currently 47 properties allocated under this scheme, providing accommodation for 150 Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. The Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) will be gradually phased out in line with the introduction of the new policy measures. Payments will reduce to €400 per month from September 2026 (affecting October payments), with the scheme due to end in March 2027.

New International Protection Applicant (IPA) Measures

The International Protection Act 2026 came into effect on 12 June 2026 as part of the implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum.

Key changes include:

- New screening processes and procedural pathways;
- Restrictions on freedom of movement;
- Changes to family reunification procedures.

Integration Support

During June, 12 clinics were delivered across Beneficiary of Temporary Protection (BOTP) accommodation centres, International Protection Applicant (IPA) accommodation centres, and within the wider community.

These clinics provided ongoing support, information, and guidance to individuals and families engaging with integration services. The team continues to foster strong collaborative relationships with statutory, voluntary, and community organisations at both local and national levels.

Projects/Initiatives

1. Our six-week Woodlands for Health programme, aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing, concluded on 24th June. The programme engaged approximately 180 participants over the six weeks and created valuable opportunities for connection and social engagement.
2. The six-week Capuchins Garden Project came to a successful conclusion on 11th June. This initiative promoted wellbeing through time spent in nature and brought together people from a variety of cultural backgrounds.
3. The Integration Team also participated in Cruinniú na nÓg in partnership with Carlow Regional Youth Services (CRYS). The Open Mic Night attracted performances from rock bands to solo artists and 30 audience members.

During Refugee Week – 15th to 21st June activities included:

- a new communities get together which welcomed 70 adults and children to participate in a variety of activities including music, cornhole, Connect Four, face painting, and a drumming workshop. The event was delivered in partnership with Healthy Ireland, County Carlow Development Partnership, and Carlow Regional Youth Services.
- a courage-themed colouring competition was organised for children during Refugee Week. Adults were also invited to anonymously share personal experiences of courage, which will help inform future training and awareness initiatives.

Carlow PPN Membership

Carlow PPN membership is currently 350:

- 276 - Full Members
- 74 - Associate Members

Communications:

- E-bulletins sent: 527
- Special notices sent: 1725 (includes consultations/submissions/general notices)
- Facebook: 64 posts
- Instagram: 25 posts

PPN Governance

- Current Secretariat members stand at 6 members - 3 seats are vacant (1 Environment and 2 Social Inclusion) – Total 9

PPN Member Meetings

Carlow PPN continues to meet new and prospective member groups. Drop-in meetups with PPN members are held every Wednesday in An Gairdín Beo (Summer Café) between 12am – 1pm.

Engagement and Collaboration

	• Attended Ghana Union Carlow Community group - Culture Evening Tinryland GAA • Attended the launch of the Irish Men's Sheds Association Strategic Plan 2026–2030 Tullow Men's Shed, Tullow Consultations and Surveys: Carlow PPN promoted/input into the following surveys: • Advertised the HSE Dublin and Southeast Regional Partnership Opportunities – Expression of Interest Form • Promoted the National Social Enterprise Consultation Census. • Promoted 'Your Council Day 2026' - Friday 26th June • Promoted Decarbonising Zones info, in relation to Carlow • Advertised information on Church Street Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme in Graiguecullen. • Informed of the heat warnings in place across Ireland • Advertised Creative Communities Initiative
Carlow Traveller Interagency Group	A review of the current strategic plan is scheduled, with development of a new strategy scheduled for 2027.
Africa Day	Africa Day 2026 was supported by €9,000 in funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs. Four organisations received funding allocations following a call for submission from Carlow County Council: St. Catherine's Community Services Centre (€1,500), Women Empowering Women (€2,500), Nigerian Community Carlow (€2,500) and Carlow African Support Group (€2,500). Events took place around 25 th of May and were well attended, celebrating cultural diversity and community participation.
Women & Diversity in Local Government	Funding of €5,500 was allocated to support actions promoting women and diversity in local government.

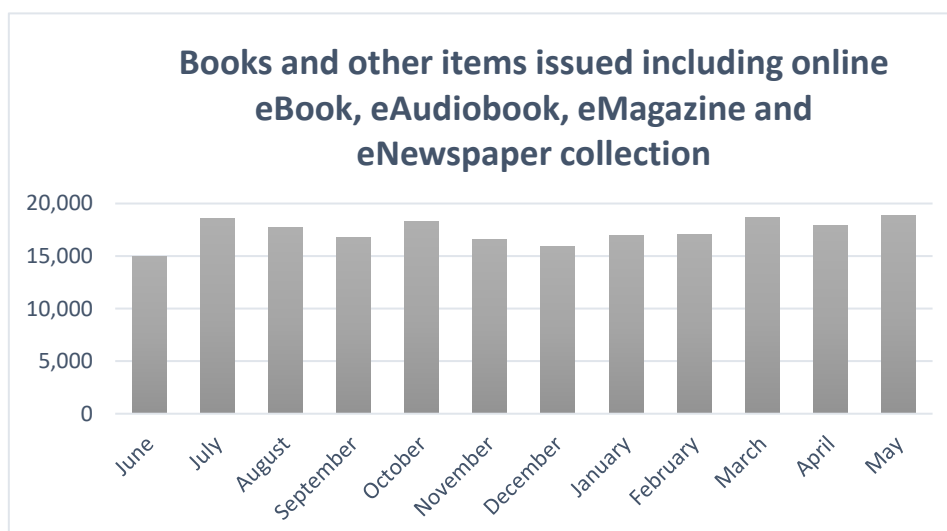
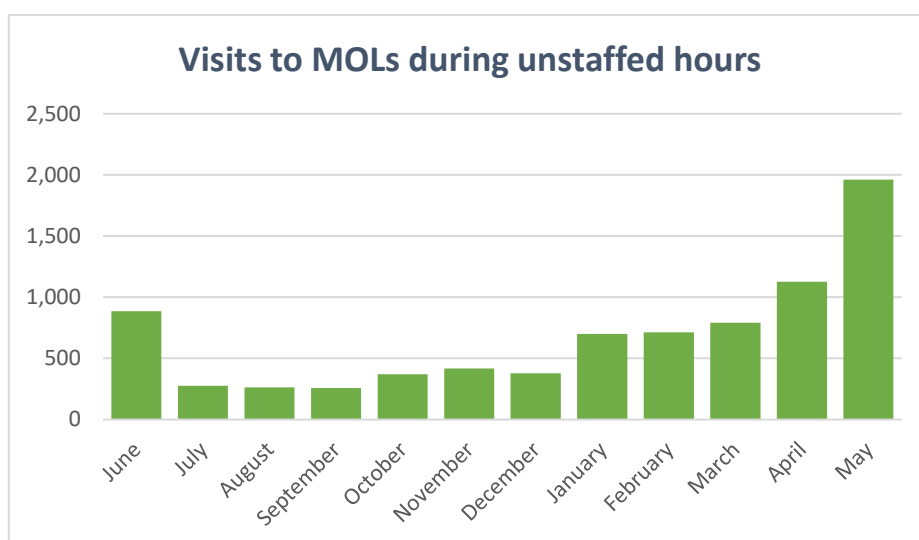


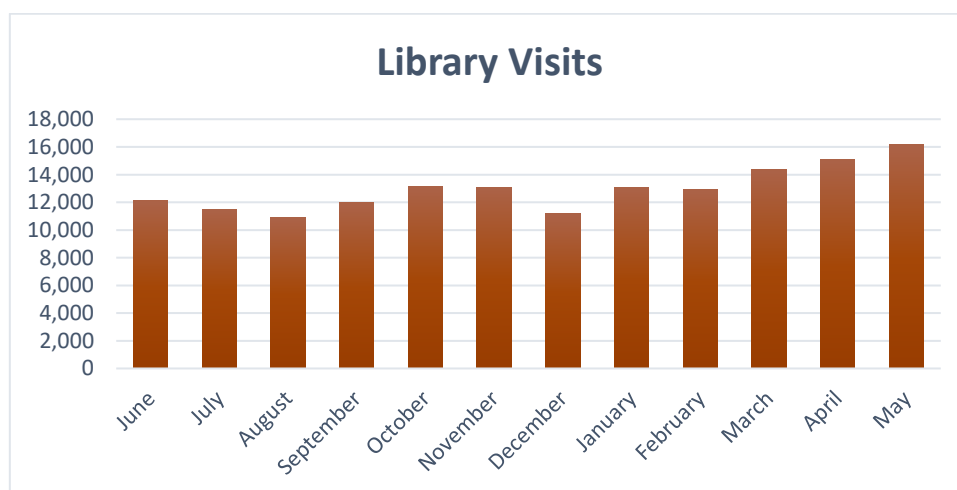
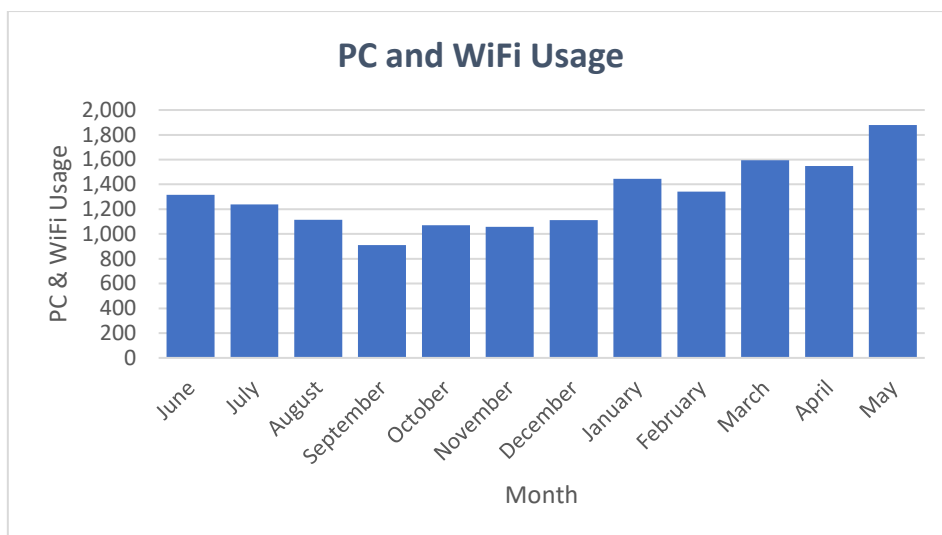
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Statistics and performance

- 34 in person visits to the Local Studies department, 121 Local Studies and Genealogy enquiries
- Library App accessed 522 times on 67 different devices
- 926 eBooks, 2013 eAudiobooks, 10207 eMagazines and eNewspapers downloaded
- Eduroam Access – 2617 connection requests from 509 devices
- Instagram -1690 followers
- Facebook Page - 5,870 followers and 2,170 post engagements
- BlueSky has 51 followers





Group visits and Events

Group Visits

Adult Engagement/Events	64 groups/meetings/events/workshops 383 participants
Children's Engagement/Events	4 groups/events 131 participants
School's Engagement	32 Class Visits Countywide 721 visitors
Book Clubs	3 Book Club Meeting 12 participants

Borris Library Community Room:

- 8 Failte Isteach workshops
- 4 Borris Lace workshops
- 2 Active Retirement meetings
- 4 Crafty Crew meetings
- 4 KCETB English Language classes

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of creativity for children and young people, took place on Saturday, 6 June. The Puppet Portal event invited children and families to step into a playful world of creativity and connection. Participants created their own puppets using open-ended materials and loose parts. Once completed, they were invited to engage with the Puppet Portal – a live video link connecting Carlow Library and Bagenalstown Library. Through this shared screen, children and families introduced their puppets and interacted playfully with participants in the other location. A total of 80 participants took part across both libraries.

In Borris Library, local musician Ali Behan delighted families with a fun, engaging, and lively music session, which attracted 17 participants.

Refugee Week

During Refugee Week, 15– 19 June, Carlow Library hosted an information stand provided by Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board. This stand provided information to our members on the many services that KCETB provide to new and existing communities including free English language classes, a free adult and career guidance appointment, and free and subsidised Further Education and Training courses.

Writer in Residence

The Creative Writing Course with Writer in Residence, Caroline Busher continued on Thursdays throughout June, this is a collaboration between Carlow Library Service and Carlow Arts Office and benefits beginners and intermediate writers.

Singing for Wellbeing

The programme concluded in Tullow Library on 15 June following an eight-session course. Participants met in the library twice weekly for hour-long sessions, practising a range of songs under the guidance of Regina Hanley. The programme proved very popular, with many participants returning to enjoy the communal singing experience. Several attendees have already expressed interest in participating in a future course.

Services and Developments

Small Scale Capital Investment for Public Libraries

An application for funding to refurbish the junior area in Carlow Central Library has been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG). The total allocation of €31,677.32 will cover 100% of the approved capital costs. Works are scheduled to commence in the coming weeks, and the project will deliver a refreshed and improved space for our younger library members.

My Open Library

The My Open Library (MOL) service in Bagenalstown Library was temporarily withdrawn for a number of days due to incidents of anti-social behaviour. The service has now resumed. During this period of closure, the opportunity was taken to complete a system upgrade, replacing the original 2018 installation, which had become outdated and was causing intermittent outages and reduced performance. The new system enhances security, reliability and long-term stability for all users.

Skills for Life

68 members of the public attended Skills for Life activities during June.

These included:

- Basic Digital Skills classes in Carlow, Tullow and Muinebheag libraries, in association with KCETB Community Education
- An Age Friendly AI workshop in Carlow library, provided by Age Friendly AI providing an insight into learning about artificial intelligence and how it can be used in daily life.
- Financial Literacy and Advocacy for Older People, these were one-to-one sessions and were in association with Sage Advocacy

Summer Stars

Summer Stars 2026, the annual national reading initiative for children, commenced in mid-June to align with the start of the primary school summer holidays. All materials were in place for the launch, enabling immediate participation, and early uptake has been very encouraging across the county. The new Monster Sticker element of the programme has proved particularly popular with children.

In Tullow, outreach visits were offered to all three local schools, with two accepting. A staff member visited Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, engaging with four classrooms (82 students), and St. Columba's National School with a further four classrooms (74 students). Teachers responded very positively to the visits and continue to recognise the value of the Summer Stars initiative.

Right to Read Network Meeting

Carlow County Council Library Service and KCETB continue to work collaboratively to maximise literacy opportunities for the community. A mid-year review meeting took place on Wednesday, 15 June to reflect on progress and plan upcoming initiatives. The three main areas of focus discussed were preparations for Library Learners' Week (October), Family Learning initiatives (December) and ongoing Digital Skills supports. A number of additional smaller initiatives were also proposed, and further research is currently underway to explore the viability of a potential storytelling collaboration.

Keepers of the Flame Performance

Fifth Class at Tinryland National School, led by Aislinn Dunne, gave a lively performance as part of the Keepers of the Flame project. Through storytelling, music and tradition, they showed creativity and pride in Carlow's heritage.

Their work captured the aim of the project - young people carrying local stories into the future with energy, imagination and a fresh perspective. We thank Aislinn, her class and the wider school for their excellent work.

Local Studies Publication Bursary

A strong response to the Local Studies Bursary saw two standout applications selected as successful. Their projects focus on the history of cricket in County Carlow and the heritage of Myshall, each offering valuable insight into local culture and community memory. The adjudication panel praised the clarity, depth and potential impact of both proposals. We now look forward to seeing the completed publications before the end of the year, when these important stories will be shared more widely.



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Carlow Artists Exhibition entitled HOPE!

Carlow Arts Office was delighted to support a new Carlow Artist Exhibition as part of this year's Carlow Arts Festival. Local arts practitioner Rennie Buening presented an exhibition of Carlow-based visual artists with the theme of HOPE! The exhibition went on display in Barry Hall, Carlow College and showcased our incredible local artists, ranging from traditional paintings and ceramics to more contemporary photography, film, and mixed media pieces. The project was a collaboration between, local artists, Carlow Arts Festival, Carlow Arts Office, and was funded by Creative Ireland Carlow.

Living Artfully Sing for Memory: Singing Group for people with dementia & their carers

This unique Arts and Health programme takes place on Wednesday mornings in an Gairdin Beo and is led by musician Marian Gaynor and funded by Carlow County Council Arts Service, with support from the HSE and Halo Care.

The Sing for Memory singing group is for any person with a diagnosis of Dementia/Alzheimer's and their family, loved ones, and carers. This gentle, accessible, and uplifting programme is for those suffering memory loss.

During June plans have been put in place to roll out a new pilot programme commencing in October in Muinebheag Municipal District in collaboration with the Leighlinbridge Dementia friendly community group.

Community Writer in Residence programme

In June our Writer in Residence programme continued to grow from strength to strength with new members joining regularly to work with Writer in Residence Caroline Busher at Carlow Library every Thursday from 2-4pm. Participants are ably guided by Caroline to explore all forms of writing from poetry and prose to playwriting and fiction. Whether already writing a novel or just wanting to know where to begin, Caroline shares her top tips for success. Participants will be given the opportunity to write and discuss their work and ask Caroline questions about getting published. New members welcome - to book a place contact Carlow Arts Office.

New Mentoring and CPD programme opportunities

Carlow County Council Arts Office are pleased to announce two new pilot opportunities for artists and creatives in Carlow:

1. Open Call – Mentoring opportunity for Visual Artists

This call is open for Visual Artists to avail of a mentoring opportunity to enable artists to be supported in developing a project, body of work, exhibition concept, publication, or area of practice. The emphasis on this opportunity is on the conceptual, curatorial, and

material development of an existing project. The open call invites artists to submit an outline of a clearly defined project or area of practice that would benefit from sustained curatorial mentoring over a three-month period.

Closing date for Applications 13th August 2026 @12 noon.

Applications made through [Home | Carlow County Council's Online Consultation Portal](#)

2. Open call for Artists of all genres to join a facilitator panel with CPD programme included.

This call is open for potential Artists/Facilitators to join a panel for Carlow County Council. The aim of this panel is to enable artists /facilitators to make themselves available for possible opportunities that arise from time to time within Carlow County Council.

Successful applicants will be offered Continuing Professional Development Opportunities including expert advice in the areas of finance/tax advice for artists, etc.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

Applications made through [Home | Carlow County Council's Online Consultation Portal](#)

Creative Ireland:

Creative Community Initiative Open Call

Creative Ireland Carlow has announced a new round of Short-Term Community Creative Initiatives. This programme welcomes projects that engage or enhance our communities through creativity. This could be a small-scale event, a collaborative artwork, a creative workshop, or an innovative way to bring people together.

The aim of this open call is to encourage communities who have never applied before to explore what's possible. Projects that involve or collaborate with a creative practitioner—such as an artist, performer, designer, or storyteller—will be viewed favourably, as these partnerships often bring fresh perspectives and lasting impact.

Closing date for Applications 10th of July 2026 @1pm.

Cruinniú na nÓg:

Cruinniú na nÓg took place on Saturday 6th June, a fantastic day of creativity across Carlow. From workshops and performances to art, music, storytelling and hands-on activities, it was wonderful to see so many children and young people exploring their creativity and trying something new.

This year Cruinniú na nÓg brought an exciting programme of **21 free events across County Carlow**. From Tullow to Carlow Town to Bagenalstown, the county came alive with opportunities for young people to imagine, experiment, and create.

Creative Places Bagenalstown:

June has focused on deepening relationships and strengthening local connections through ongoing engagement with communities, artists, and partners. This was evident by the collaboration for projects with CAF on the Road in Bagenalstown with Carlow Arts Festival on 1st June and participation and support for Bagenalstown in Bloom 26 events on 13th June.

Building on earlier mapping work, there has been continued exploration of collaborative and socially engaged approaches with local organisations and venues, artists and creative practitioners alongside identifying potential local leaders and shared priorities.



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Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026

Several projects have commenced with one project of the seven awarded funding completed to date.

Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN)

The three community groups in County Carlow that are part of the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) received re-fresher online training from Chris Reena in late June 2026. The groups are trained in the editing, administration and governance of their respective allocated pages on the Carlow iCAN website. The Carlow Heritage Office, with guidance from Lorna Elms (iCAN), are working towards a website launch before the end of 2026.

Creative Carlow's Holy Wells – Life Springs Eternal

The Creative Carlow's Holy Wells project was awarded funding from Creative Ireland to assist with the production of a pocketbook of poetry relating to the lifecycle of the projects with a focus on six Holy Wells in County Carlow. The booklet is scheduled to consist of forty-eight poems written by Clifton Redmond. Carlow Heritage Office engaged the professional architectural photographic services of Artur Sikora, who has produced a series of high resolution black and white images to accompany the poetry. This will all be in a suitable format that will enable people bring the booklet in their pocket and enjoy when they visit a Holy Well in County Carlow.

Shackleton Carlow Connections Project

Carlow County Council, through the Carlow Heritage Office, in collaboration with the Shackleton Carlow community group is undertaking genealogical research to assist in the animation of the Shackleton Carlow Connection heritage story. As part of the project, Carlow Heritage Office has engaged the professional genealogical services of John Gorry. On 28 February 1872, Sir Ernest Shackleton's parents, Henry Shackleton (of Kilkea) and Henrietta Letitia Sophie Gavan (of Carlow) were married in St. Marys Church of Ireland. This initiative is an action of the Historic Towns Initiative Plan – Heritage-led Regeneration for Carlow Town.

County Carlow Heritage Forum meeting (Q.2) 2026

The second scheduled County Carlow Heritage Forum meeting, as actioned in the County Carlow Heritage plan 2024-2029, took place in Kilkenny City on Thursday 25 June 2026. The event, with the support of the Forum Chair, Cllr. Michael Doran was a joint event with the Heritage Forums of Kilkenny and Carlow. The meeting took place in Mayfair Library on Parliament Street and afterwards the Forums learnt from the Magh Airgid Ros Presentation on Voices of Heritage. The group was met by Heritage Council Board Member, Mary Tubridy and Patricia Fallon (Heritage Council, Local Authority Liaison Officer). We heard a presentation from Patricia Fallon on the work and direction of the Heritage Council and an acknowledgment of the important part played by all County Heritage Forums around the country. The group enjoyed a tour of Rothe House. Carlow Heritage Office will host the members of the Kilkenny Heritage Forum in County Carlow in 2027.



MÚSAEM CHONTAE CHEATHARLACH/CARLOW COUNTY MUSEUM

Dermot Mulligan (RIP)

Museum Curator, Dermot Mulligan, passed away suddenly on 31 May 2026. Through twenty-four years of absolute dedication and love for Carlow and its history, Dermot played a fundamental role in creating the Carlow County Museum we see today. His loss, as a colleague and friend, is felt deeply by the entire team and by the wider museum and heritage community. May he rest in peace.

Museum and Tourist Office Opening Hours

The Museum and Tourist Office reopened for Sundays at the beginning of June. The facility is now open to the public seven days a week for the summer months.

Museum Board Meeting

The Museum Board held its second meeting of the year on 23 June, which was chaired by Gary Hughes, Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society. Jenny Greiner, Collections and Documentation Officer, attended on behalf of the Museum.

Irish Language Tour

20 members of Craobh Loch Garman visited Carlow Town on 24 June. John McDarby, Staff Officer, provided an in-depth Irish language tour of the Museum.

Carlow LEA (7)

Cllr. Fergal Browne	FG
Cllr. John Cassin	Ind Irl
Cllr. Andrea Dalton	FF
Cllr. Paul Doogue	FG
Cllr. Ken Murnane	FF
Cllr. Fintan Phelan	FF
Cllr. Adrienne Wallace	SPBP

