

GREAT SOUTHERN GREENWAY LIMERICK

UPDATE TO ELECTED MEMBERS OF NEWCASTLE WEST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Wid of Lough
The smooth grassy path
of O'Leary

OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

- Licence put in place between CIE and Limerick City & County Council
- Limerick City & County Council assume responsibility for the then Great Southern Trail – November 2015

GOAL

- To develop a top class Greenway to National standard.

OVERVIEW

PLANNING STAGE

- 2017- Part VIII Granted Enhancement works on GSGL
- 2018- Part VII Granted. Incorporation of the Old Barnagh Rail Tunnel to the Greenway.

OVERVIEW

IMPLEMENTATION

- Phase I: Enhancement Works on Greenway.
Completed 2017
Cost : €476,500
- Phase II: Incorporation of Old Barnagh Railway Tunnel to the Greenway.
Due for completion Sept. 2019
Cost : €744,494
- Phase III: Surface Upgrade, Barnagh Works Phase II and other improvement works.
Due for completion March 2020



FUNDING TO DATE

- RRDF. €2.74 Million
- Development Fund €100,000
- Council Rural Development Fund €400,000
- Hinterland Fund €500,000



FUNDING CURRENTLY APPLIED FOR.

- Rural Regeneration Development Fund:
 - An application has been submitted to the Rural Regeneration Development Fund for additional funding on the Great Southern Greenway Limerick .This will comprise of a funding request to complete resurfacing programme and reconnecting Barnagh viewing carpark to the existing Greenway.
- Total Estimated Cost : €3,676,000
- RRDF: €2,757,000
- Match Funding LC&CC €919,000

PHASE I ENHANCEMENT WORKS

RE-SURFACING WORKS -BEFORE



- AFTER



PHASE I

OVER 1.2 KM OF RESURFACING WORKS FROM TRAILHEAD NEAR CASTLEMATRIX

BEFORE



AFTER



PHASE I

REPLACEMENT OF 30 FARM & ROAD CROSSING GATE PAIRS.
FARM CROSSING GATE WITH FREE FLOW FOR CYCLIST THROUGH CATTLE GRID SECTION.
STAGGERED GATE CROSSINGS AT PUBLIC ROAD CROSSINGS

ARDAGH- BEFORE



AFTER



PHASE I.

INSTALLATION OF OVER 4KM OF TIMBER POST & RAIL FENCING

TEMPLEGLANTINE



BARNAGH



PHASE I

ALL SIGNAGE REPLACED WITH OFFICIAL GREENWAY SIGNS
SEATING AREAS INSTALLED WITH SHEFFIELD CYCLE STANDS APPROX. EVERY 2KM ALONG THE ROUTE
ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS AT FARM AND ROAD CROSSINGS

ARDAGH



DROMIN



PHASE I

ORIGINAL VICTORIAN CULVERT CONSTRUCTED IN 1870'S COLLAPSED IN DEC. 2016
RECONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN JANUARY 2017 AND RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION IN MARCH 2017



PHASE II

INCORPORATION OF THE OLD BARNAGH RAIL TUNNEL TO THE GREENWAY

BEFORE



AFTER



PHASE II

INCORPORATION OF THE OLD BARNAGH RAIL TUNNEL TO THE GREENWAY

NEW ENTRANCE LEADING TO TUNNEL



OLD STATION HOUSE



PHASE II

INCORPORATION OF THE OLD BARNAGH RAIL TUNNEL TO THE GREENWAY

RESURFACING LEADING TO TUNNEL



RESURFACED RAIL TUNNEL WITH LIGHTING



PHASE II

INCORPORATION OF THE BARNAGH RAIL TUNNEL TO THE GREENWAY

OFFICIAL OPENING 13 SEPTEMBER 2019



PHASE III IMPROVEMENT WORKS 2019.

MAY 2019

Improvement works commence

- Additional signage on Greenway
- Additional fencing & screening works
- Verge cutting contractor appointed.

AUGUST 2019

- Consultants appointed to prepare and design tender documentation to appoint contractors for resurfacing and other improvement works on the Greenway

Wix of Loughlin
The ancient green path
of O'Leary

PHASE III

SURFACE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE GREENWAY

ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE



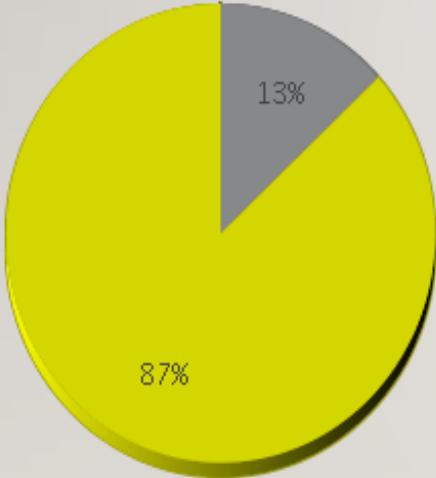
ADDITIONAL FENCING AND SCREENING



AUTOMATIC COUNTERS

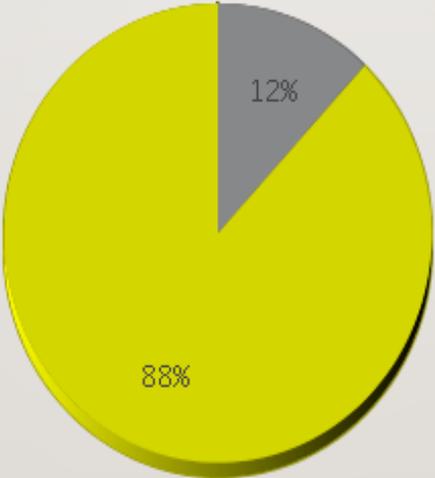
MONTHLY DATA JUNE 2019

NEWCASTLE WEST



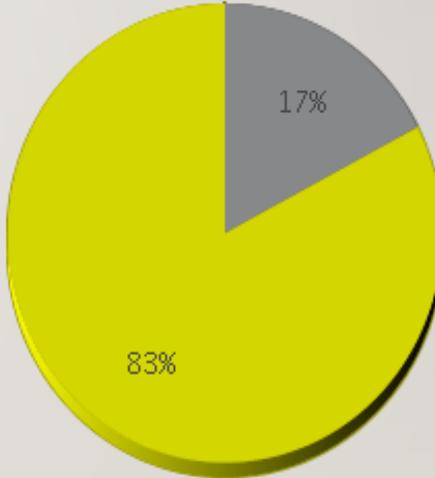
 Pedestrians
 Cyclists

ABBEYFEALE



 Pedestrians
 Cyclists

RATHKEALE



 Pedestrians
 Cyclists

Pedestrians	7,188
Cyclists	1,084

Pedestrians	7,242
Cyclists	987

Pedestrians	6,969
Cyclists	1,463

FUTURE WORKS & ISSUES

- BARNAGH VIEWING POINT UPGRADE
- FARM CROSSINGS-CONSULTANTS APPOINTED TO ADDRESS PINCH POINTS, OBSTACLES AND OTHER ISSUES
- ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE TOILET FACILITIES, WATER STATIONS, BIKE HIRE LOCATIONS AND DESIGNATED PARKING FACILITIES
- ADDITIONAL BRANDING & PROMOTION OF GREENWAY
- INTERPRETATION OF GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY HERITAGE
- LINKING WITH KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WITH EXTENSION OF GREENWAY TO LISTOWEL
- EXTENSION OF GREENWAY TO ADARE



THANK YOU

