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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**  
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**Question Councillor M. Collins**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the proposed footpath extension from the Creamery at the Bridge of Tears to the Castlemahon Road

**Reply:**

Currently the NTA office at Barrow House have procured a consultant to carry out the design for these works. It is hoped that by Q3 2025, a design proposal will be available.

John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Transportation and Mobility  
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21<sup>st</sup> May 2025



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**Question Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on;

- (a) The bollards planned for the Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale
- (b) The extension of the Bye Laws up to the Greyhound and Pet World premises, Abbeyfeale
- (c) An update on the Programme of Works for Collins Park, Abbeyfeale
- (d) An update on the extension of the footpath out to Dalton's Cross, Abbeyfeale

**Reply:**

- (a) Agreement was reached and if funding comes available before the year end the works will be carried out, the estimate for the works is between €30k and €40k and currently there is no funding stream available.
- (b) LCCC contacted the Gardaí to seek their approval and the Gardaí have responded positively. In order to proceed this further it will be necessary to advertise in the local newspapers and make public our intention to extend the byelaws at this location, based on the timeframe required it will be presented to the Cllr's for adoption at the October MD meeting.
- (c) The Roads and Housing section have agreed that planned works can be carried out on the entry section to Collins park estate whereby the outer random rubble surfaced footpath will be removed and replaced with a concrete footpath. Please note where bollards exist these will be replaced by trees. Surfacing will be carried out where required from the entrance to Collins Park to the first junction on the right. This programme commenced on the 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- (d) There is currently a restructuring occurring within TII. Limerick City & County Council have requested a meeting with the TII active travel department to discuss funding opportunities for a number of schemes within the County. The projects under discussion will include the proposed project to extend the footpath out to Dalton's cross in Abbeyfeale.

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**Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West to be held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2025**

**Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed update on the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan.

Reply:

The primary challenge currently facing the Phase 1 Works is the funding shortfall. Additional sources of funding are actively being explored, and a meeting has been requested by with Uisce Éireann by Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) on behalf of the Mayor to help unlock further financial support.

The Phase 1 works package has been revised to reflect necessary changes following positive engagement with utility providers, including ESB and EIR. An additional topographical survey was conducted on Pump House Lane to finalise a specific design element. While a few minor updates remain, the works package is effectively ready to proceed to Tender.

**Vincent Murray**  
**Director of Services**  
**Planning and Placemaking**

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2025**



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**28 May 2025**

### **Question Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Flood Relief Scheme for Abbeyfeale (Mart bridge towards the rear of the soccer field).

### **Response:**

In response to flooding experienced in Abbeyfeale on 23 November 2024 due to Storm Bert, Limerick City and County Council requested that a Scheme Viability Review for Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick is considered to be undertaken by OPW – please find OPW response below. Based on this response, the Newcastle West Municipal District will compile a Flood Map Review Request Form for further consideration by OPW.

*"I write to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 30th January, 2025 on behalf of the elected members of the Newcastle West Municipal District relating to a Flood Relief Scheme for Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick and the elected members request for a Scheme Viability Review to be carried out.*

*The Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) identified 300 areas nationwide that required further flood risk assessment, Abbeyfeale being one of those areas. The Flood Risk Management Plan for Tralee Bay – Rive Feale Basin, assigned a Baseline Measure "Do Nothing" and the Non-Structural measure "Public Awareness", however neither of these measures could provide the required standard of protection of 1% AEP.*

*The OPW's Predictive Flood Maps produced under the National Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme and as part of Flood Relief Schemes were developed from detailed engineering analysis and modelling. Updates and revisions to these Flood Maps may occasionally be required due to a change in physical conditions, detection of errors or based on other specific evidence.*

*A Flood Map Review is a two-stage process with the first stage representing a screening exercise. Where there is sufficient evidence provided that a published Flood Map does not reflect the current conditions, the OPW will proceed to a detailed re-assessment of the area in question.*

*For full details of the Flood Map Review Programme Guidance Note go to [www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie).*

*If Newcastle West Municipal District would like to request a new Flood Map Review, please submit a completed Flood Map Review Request Form to [floodinfo@opw.ie](mailto:floodinfo@opw.ie).*

*Limerick City and County Council can introduce localised flood mitigation measures in Abbeyfealec with 90% funding from the OPW's Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme. Under the minor works scheme, applications are considered for projects that are estimated to cost not more than €750,000.*

*I hope the above information is of some assistance to you.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Martina Kiernan*

*"Private Secretary to the Minister of State, Kevin Moran TD"*



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**Question Councillor J. Scanlan**

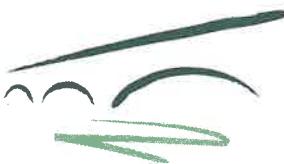
I will ask at the next Meeting when road lining will occur at Cooliska Cross as well as a number of other junctions in our Municipality.

**Reply:**

Limerick City & County Council are carrying out a junction marking programme this year and in subsequent years, the funding to carry out this work is provided under the general maintenance programme.

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I will ask at the next Meeting that this Authority liaise with the local Driving Test Centre in terms of appropriate safety observation when conducting tests in the Daar River View Area.

**Reply:**

Limerick City and County Council have no legal basis to interfere with driving test centre activity while operational on a public roadway.

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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting as to the number of Insurance claims made against this Municipality in respect of

- (a) Falls on Footpaths and
- (b) Pothole induced damage to cars on our roads network in 2023, 2024 as well as the current year to date.

**REPLY:**

(a) All personal injury claims are managed on the Councils' behalf by I.P.B Insurance. The Member Quarterly Management Claims Trend Report for Quarter 4 2024 attached provides full details on all personal injury claims for the period 2022-2024.

The level of detail requested above is not available from the I.P.B system.

The report gives a breakdown of the different cause trends across all claim types.

(b) The table attached provides full details on all pothole-induced damage to cars on our roads network in 2023, 2024 as well as the current year to date for the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Within those years, the total amount of claims referred to Third Parties for attention was 8, as works were not carried out by Limerick City & County Council.

**Municipal District of Newcastle West**

2023	25
2024	21
2025	7

**JOHN SHEEHAN**  
**SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**ROADS, TRAFFIC & CLEANSING**  
**26<sup>TH</sup>, MAY, 2025**



# Member Quarterly Management Claims Trend Report

Limerick City & County Council

Reporting Period

Q1 2025

*“Employers Liability claims are not included in this report for reasons of sensitivity and privacy, as their relatively low number may lead to claimants and their details being identifiable. Associated aspects of these claims including trends and risk management advice will continue to be addressed in the course of scheduled engagement”*

## Claims Quarterly Update - Active Claims Report

Active Claim Count

**543**

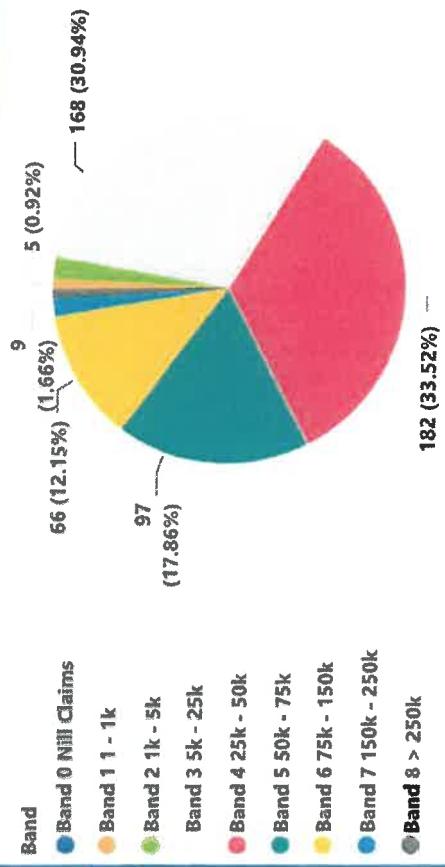
Active Claim Gross Value

**25.6M**

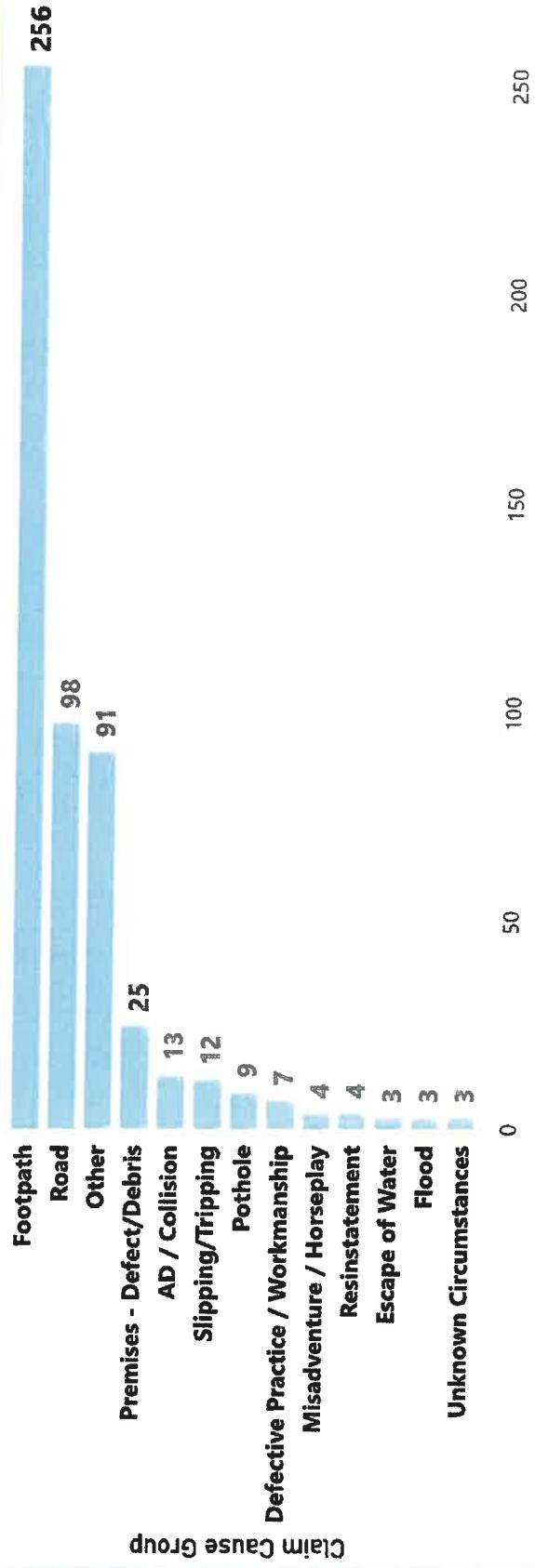
Active Claim Count & Gross Values

Product Category	Active Claim Count	Active Gross Value
PL	523	24,787,888
Motor	15	599,901
Property	2	101,000
Other	2	80,000
Other Liability	1	75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>25,643,789</b>

Active Claim Count by Gross Value Band



Active Claim Count by Top Cause Categories

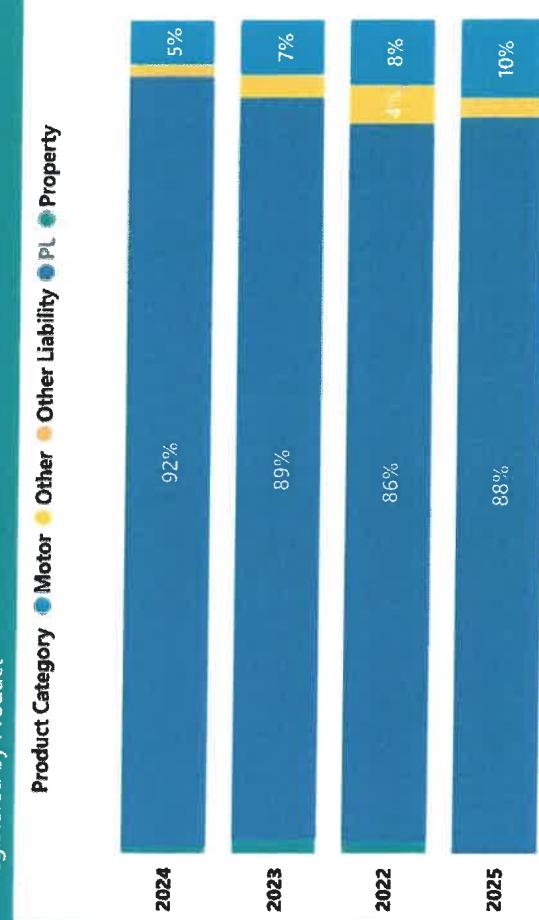


## Claims Quarterly Update - Registered Claims Report

Registered Count by Product & Settled Qtr - 12 Qtr View

Year	Motor	Other	Other Liability	PL	Property	
Q2	16	8			99	3
	4	3			30	1
	5	2			33	1
	7	3			36	1
Q3	20	3			172	4
	5	1			52	
	6	1			52	2
	2				38	
Q4	7	1			30	2
	6	6			2	172
	1				57	1
	4	2			41	
Q1	2	2			1	44
	4	1			1	30
	8	1			38	2
	8	1			38	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>12</b>

Registered Count by Product & Settled Qtr - 12 Qtr View



Cause Group	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	Total
Pothole	9	4	7	17	22	11	8	27	18	19	11	12	165
Footpath	9	11	12	13	13	12	12	12	10	13	11	14	143
Road	4	11	8	7	9	5	3	6	2	6	2	7	70
Other	5	5	9	10	6	7	2	4	6	4	3	3	64
AD / Collision	1	4	2	5	4	1	3	4	3	1	2	7	37

Registered Footpath & Slip/Trip Claims - 12 Qtr View

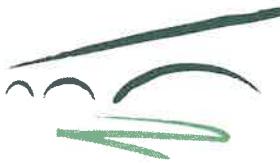
Year	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	Total	
Count	11	12	13	13	14	14	14	12	13	11	13	11	14	151

Registered Pothole Damage Claims - 12 Qtr View

Year	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	Total
Count	9	4	7	15	20	11	8	26	18	19	11	12	160

## Claims Quarterly Update - Finalised Claims Report

Claims Finalised Cost by Product & Settled Qtr - 12 Qtr View										% Settled by Product									
Product	Motor Year	Motor Count		Other Count		Other Liability Count		PL Value		Property Count		Property Value		Product	Motor	Other	Other Liability	PL	Property
		Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value						
Q2	2022	15	242,033	1	10,908			120	2,467,528	5	58,131			2022	86%	10%	1,228	56,903	1,228
	Q3	6	14,739					36	999,156	3									
	Q4	3	13,889					45	718,998	2									
	2023	19	244,189	10	10,908	1	13,512	39	749,374	2									
Q1	2023	3	1,216	3	112,817	1	13,512	37	532,075	2	9,388			2023	84%	8%	1,740	57,420	1,740
	Q2	5	20,268	3	31,940			54	843,254	1									
	Q3	4	14,685	2	949			55	701,213	1									
	Q4	7	18,021	2	51,679			43	746,346	1	9,468								
Q2	2024	25	596,975	8	75,291	1	23,145	214	3,500,975	5	196,067			2024	85%	10%	9,468	89,132	9,468
	Q1	5	55,996	1	55,481			49	826,835	1									
	Q2	7	506,197					64	808,842	1									
	Q3	6	14,232	5	18,319			50	937,915	2									
Q4	2025	7	20,549	2	1,492	1	23,145	51	927,383	1	0			2025	89%	0	0	0	0
	Q1	3	11,716	2	94			47	583,943	1									
	Q2	3	11,716	2	94			47	583,943	1									
	Total	62	1,094,914	21	283,678	2	36,657	570	9,375,333	16	312,223								
Finalised Count by Top 5 Causes - 12 Qtr View										0%									
Causes	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	Total
Footpath	509,357	487,786	398,354	463,838	576,827	386,282	425,884	524,161	512,538	499,242	544,123	291,361	5,619,753						
Road	1,187	94,920	99,909	23,752	158,260	172,049	76,057	35,906	93,490	314,657	70,510	91,266	1,231,962						
Slipping/Tripping	304,271	123,989	33,729																
AD / Collision	6,701	193,281	488	209,990	7,282	2,122	10,509	502,711	14,152	15,978	171,000	85,830	1,057,430						
Other	44,296	4,859	0	15,176	19,520	120,651	94,836	17,958	0	40,792	109,466	3,195	966,409						
Footpath & Slip/Trip Finalised Claims - 12 Qtr View										0%									
2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	Total	
Count	17	25	16	16	19	25	19	15	21	23	16	23	15	223					
Value	813,628	611,775	398,354	497,567	576,827	406,189	547,268	552,935	621,157	559,170	715,123	377,191	6,677,184						
Pothole Damage Claims Finalised Cost by Settled Qtr - 12 Qtr View										0%									
2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	Total	
Count	6	7	10	10	19	6	21	23	16	13	15	16	161						
Value	1,500	2,733	1,578	1,900	2,734	3,867	1,655	3,092	5,381	3,982	5,415	4,398	38,235						
Zero Cost Finalised Claims - 12 Qtr View										0%									
Product	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 Q1	2023 Q2	2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	Total
PL	11	17	10	10	12	18	11	8	15	7	7	7	7	133					
Motor	1			1		1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	8					
Property														3					
Other														2					



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**Question Councillor T. Ruddle**

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Limerick City and County Council cut back the grass at the following locations (a) Ballynoe Cross (b) Castlemahon/Ardrine Cross. They are badly overgrown and it is difficult to see.

**Reply:**

LCCC have engaged the services of a hedge cutting contractor and hedge cutting operations at these junctions will be carried out in order to improve sightlines.

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