

Executive Report

Contained within this document are the Mayoral Report and the Director General's Management Report, as mandated by Section 136 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with its subsequent amendments.

It details the execution of executive duties over the past month, encompassing the enactment of policies or other directives issued by the Council as part of its reserved powers, as well as the Council's continued service delivery.



Director General



Mayor of Limerick

August 2025

Registration Opens for Eighth Voluntary Rightsizing Scheme by Limerick City and County Council

Limerick Going for Gold 2025 Radio Campaign Officially Launches on Live 95

Limerick Celebrates National Heritage Week 2025 with a Rich Tapestry of Events

Limerick City and County Council Projects Shortlisted for Chambers Ireland Excellence Awards 2025

Limerick City and County Council Votes to Retain Local Property Tax at Current Rate

Rathbane Golf Course Celebrates Junior Success with Ryder Cup Format and New "Get Into Golf for Kidz" Programme

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Office of the Mayor

August 2025 has seen further activity in the Mayor's Office committed to action and delivery for Limerick.

The Mayor signed a number of key Mayoral Orders throughout the month, including approving the advancing of new homes on the Dock Road and in Broadford.

The Mayor was thrilled to meet with Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe on his visit to Limerick this month where we discussed matters of importance to the city and county, and nationally, ahead of the upcoming Budget 2026 negotiations.

Transport was a key theme for the office this month. The Mayor met with outgoing Irish Rail CEO Jim Meade and National Transport Authority Interim Chief Executive Hugh Cregan as they look to drive forward and unblock a number of key projects across Limerick.

The Mayor attended a number of events across county Limerick, including the Cappamore Show, the Limerick Show and community events in Athea, Kilmallock and Dromcollogher.

On the sporting front, the Mayor was pleased to meet with Munster Rugby Chief Executive Ian Flanagan, where they discussed further opportunities for collaboration going forward.

04 August

- Meeting with Honorary Irish Consul in Toulouse

05 August

- Attended a Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition (SMART) homes meeting online
- Signing of Mayoral Orders

06 August

- Attended Mayoral Office Team meeting online
- Attended Bloomberg London School of Economics (LSE) European City Leadership Initiative online

11 August

- Meeting with Irish Rail Chief Executive Officer
- Met with Audit Committee Chairperson
- Meeting with former Mayor of Spokane
- Meeting in relation to Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

12 August

- Met with Chief Executive Officer of Munster Rugby
- Met with the Director General
- Meeting with the Deputy Director General
- Attended the Management Board meeting
- Met with the International Rose of Tralee Tour
- Met with the Head of Marketing and Communications

13 August

- Partook in the Face of Limerick exhibition
- Meeting with Deputy Director General
- Launched Flavours of Limerick Food Festival at King John's Castle
- Launched Culture Night at The Hunt Museum
- Meeting with Deputy Director General

14 August

- Met with Director General
- Attended the Innovate Engine DAC AGM
- Meeting with the Deputy Director General and Rural Development personnel
- Call with the County President of Hohenloe, Ian Schölzel
- Meeting in relation to the Colbert Quarter
- Meeting in relation to Abbeyfeale
- Met with Acting Director of Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Launched Limerick Lace exhibition in the Limerick Museum

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15 August

- Held a communications meeting
- Chaired the Shareholder Support Committee meeting
- Held a Mayoral Office Team Meeting

16 August

- Visited August Craft Month hosted at Castletroy Shopping Centre
- Attended the Cappamore Show
- Attended the Dromcollogher 26 benefit evening at the Limerick Dog Track
- Attended a meeting in Athea

17 August

- Attended the Irishtown Heritage Festival – Dancing the Walls of Limerick

18 August

- Meeting with Director of Planning and Place-making
- Met with Deputy Director General
- Call with the Regional Executive Officer of Limerick Hospital

20 August

- Meeting with the Housing Department
- Meeting in relation to the Limerick Project Ireland 2040
- Attended the Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC AGM
- Meeting regarding funding for cemeteries
- Attended the Ambassador Summer School BBQ in Kilmallock

21 August

- Meeting with the Director of Planning and Placemaking
- Launched 160 years of St. John's Brass and Reed Band at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Meeting with Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC

22 August

- Limerick Live 95 FM interview with Joe Nash
- Visit to Dromcollogher
- Meeting in connection with the Local Property Tax
- Attended a Christmas in Limerick Meeting
- Attended the August Corporate Policy Group meeting

23 August

- Attended the Grant Thornton Aer Lingus College Football Classic event

24 August

- Attended the Limerick Show at Limerick Racecourse
- Launched the Ukraine Day of Independence at the Peoples Park
- Gave a speech at the Limerick Motorsport rally event

25 August

- Attended a meeting with the Senior Director of Verizon
- Hosted a Local Strategic and Monitoring Group meeting
- Held Local Property Tax meetings
- Met with Director of Transportation and Mobility and National Transport Authority
- Meeting with Acting Director of Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Meeting in regard to Local Property Tax

26 August

- Meeting with the Director General
- Meeting in relation to Limerick 2030
- Attended a Special Meeting of the Plenary Council

27 August

- Meeting with Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Meeting regarding Information, Communication and Technology
- Meeting with Director of Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development
- Meeting in relation to Night Time Economy
- Visit to the ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services in Rosbrien

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28 August

- Meeting with Director General
- Launched Castletroy Park Hotels new Conference Centre
- Meeting with Discover Limerick DAC
- Meeting with Minister for Finance
- Interview with Newstalk Daily
- Attended a meeting in connection with SMART housing
- Attended Twilight Thursday events

29 August

- Attended a meeting with Rethink Ireland
- Hosted a meeting with Athlone Chamber
- Held Director of Services monthly meeting
- Attended the EVA International exhibition at Limerick City Gallery
- Attended a communications meeting

30 August

- Launched Brazil Day at the Hunt Museum
- Attended the Swap 'N' Serve charity event
- Attended "A Most Fashionable Affair" fashion show hosted by Down Syndrome Limerick



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Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services

1. Finance

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2025	
As at 31 August 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,462,617 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	207,072
Writes offs/ Waivers €	1,867,111
Total for Collection €	67,957,189
Amount Collected €	54,485,709
Arrears €	13,471,480
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	624,234
% Collected	81%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31 August 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	975,520 ^
Writes offs €	-34
To Collect €	1,244,253
Receipts €	1,434,186 ^^
Arrears €	-189,933
% Collected	115%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for July 2025

^^ Accruals not updated for July and August 2025 resulting in a negative arrears figure.

** The Date for Making the 2025 Rate was 28 January 2025

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

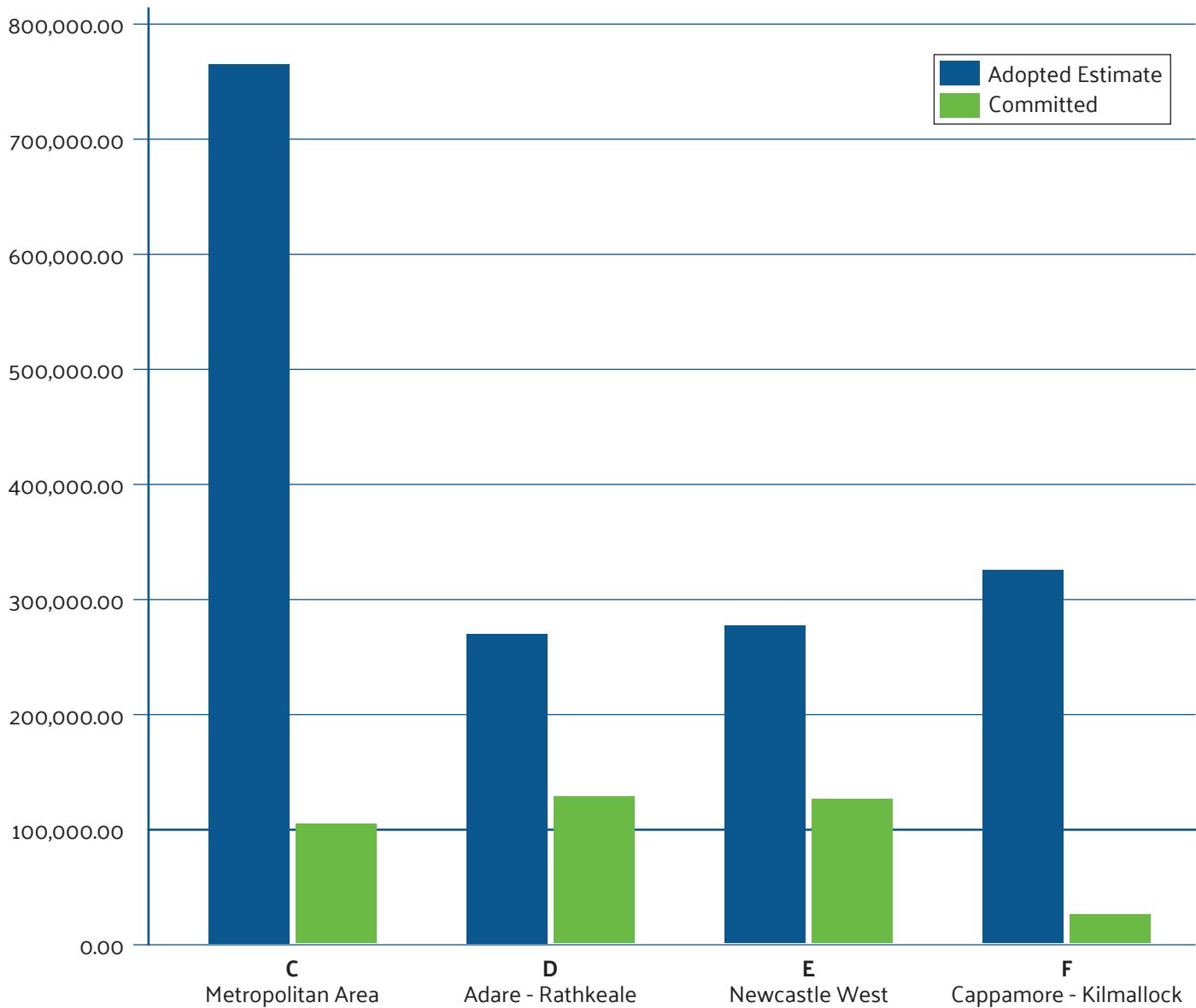
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General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 31st August 2025



Municip (Code) + (Text)

- C Metropolitan Area
- D Adare - Rathkeale
- E Newcastle West
- F Cappamore - Kilmallock

Value Adopted Estimate (€)

- 763,300.00
- 270,000.00
- 278,600.00
- 327,600.00

Value Committed (€)

- 101,819
- 129,880
- 127,646
- 24,467

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2. Trade and Investment

EU Projects

The Travel and Transport Strategy team, in consultation with Trade and Investment, Digital Services and Environment and Climate Action, have agreed to participate in a consortium led by Trinity College Dublin (TCD) focused on the upcoming Horizon Europe funding call HORIZON-CL5-2025-04- D6-11. The call is focused on creating guidelines for a sustainable and resilient urban air mobility ecosystem, focusing on the urban logistics sector (last mile delivery).

The Trinity College Dublin (TCD) proposal is titled PEGASUS–Pilot Project on Green Innovative Air Mobility Solutions for Smart and Sustainable Cities.

Limerick's involvement will contribute to shaping a resilient and decarbonised urban mobility ecosystem, aligning with key objectives of Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) 2040, the Mayoral Programme, and the Shannon Estuary Economic Taskforce Report. The project supports innovation, economic development, and environmental sustainability while enhancing Limerick's profile as a forward-thinking city.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

Trade and Investment ran our fourth successful Twilight Thursday featuring highlight events such as an outdoor fashion show with Brown Thomas and Celia Holman Lee as well as an outdoor Traditional Music street party on Catherine Street. Funding was secured from the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran and multiple Councillors to help keep Twilight Thursday running for the remainder of 2025.

Night Time Economy Advisor presented Twilight Thursday at a Fáilte Ireland event in Dublin as Fáilte Ireland are keen to replicate something similar to Twilight Thursday in Dublin.

3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran three Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 46 business owners from across Limerick City and County.
- Members of the LEO Team attended the Limerick Show on 24 August, where they met with many of the shows attendees to inform them about the wide range of business supports that the Local Enterprise Office has to offer. LEO Limerick also had an information stand at the Cappamore Show on 16 August and supported the Food and Craft Pavilions, where a large number of LEO Limerick supported enterprises displayed and sold their products.
- On 29 August LEO Limerick met with the LINC Engineering Cluster to advise on available supports to help local engineering companies expand their operations through export opportunities.
- In August LEO Limerick approved the following supports for Businesses across Limerick City and County:
 - Two Digital for Business supports
 - Four Green for Business supports
 - One Energy Efficiency Grant
 - One Grow Digital Grant

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4. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.08.2025 - 31.08.2025	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	929
Other Calls	346
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(2 min 02 sec) 122
Total No. of calls in August	1,275

5. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company

Enterprise Infrastructure

- Work continues on the preliminary business case application for the accelerator campus.
- Management and maintenance of the enterprise centre buildings in Cecil Street, Abbeyfeale, and Rathkeale, ensuring that facilities are kept up to a high standard and that tenants needs are met.

Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

Enterprise Events

The Engine Collaboration Centre welcomed over 112 participants across 17 events and meetings in its event space. These gatherings spanned topics such as startups, film, business networking, and enterprise growth, providing valuable opportunities for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and business development.

Notable Events Hosted:

- Blender Workshop Screen Ireland National Talent Academies (NTA) (02, 03 August)
- Treaty Software meetings (05, 12, 19, 27 August)
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick Meetings and workshops (08, 25, 27 August)
- Innovate Limerick Annual General Meeting (27 August)
- Forward Planning Brian Scales (27 August)
- IT Summit (27 August)

Partnership and Collaboration

Innovate Limerick collaborated with government bodies and policy stakeholders to strengthen the enterprise ecosystem in Limerick. Key examples include:

Pathways to Innovation

Continued weekly meeting has occurred in cooperation with Skillnet Ireland and Research Development Innovation (RDI) Hub. Logos have been created for marketing. Social media campaign launched to promote the event in collaboration with mentioned partners. Invitation created and distributed to the different bodies.

Strategic Innovation Programme

Strategic monthly meeting to develop a Strategic Innovation Programme with Industry Research and Development Group (IDRG).

Blender Workshop Screen Ireland National Talent Academies (NTA)

This two-day intensive training workshop introduced participants to Blender, the free and open-source 3D creation suite widely used across the animation, visual effects (VFX), and game design industries. The workshop formed part of the National Talent Academies' drive to upskill Ireland's next generation of creative talent, equipping participants with cutting-edge digital tools essential for careers in film, animation, and immersive media. Hosting the training at the ENGINE Collaboration Centre underlines Limerick's role as a regional hub for screen sector innovation and skills development.

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Connected Hubs

Engagement with Connected Hubs to enable online booking of meeting rooms on the Connected Hubs platform.

Social Media

Innovate focused on promotion of available office space in the ENGINE building and upcoming events. We have also collaborated with our partners such as: Film in Limerick, Local Enterprise Office and more. It has helped to increase our following base across all platforms and receive more enquires about Engine Collaboration Centre availability.





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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

Cappamore Junction R445/R509

Substantial completion was reached in August.

2. Active Travel

Section 38's

The following Section 38's were lodged in August:

- Granville Park (L-10207), Bloodmill Road, Limerick City.
- Green Hill (L-10199), Garryowen Road, (L-10183), Pennywell and Cathedral Court (L-10168), Downey Street (L[1]10169), Ball Alley Place (Sarsfield Court L-10182), South Claughan Road (L-10178) at Limerick City.
- Hyde Road Park, (R-858), Limerick City.
- Condell Road, (R-527), Limerick City.
- Doon, (R-505), Co. Limerick in collaboration with the Cappamore/Kilmallock Operations Team.
- Cappamore, (R-505), Co. Limerick in collaboration with the Cappamore/Kilmallock Operations Team.
- Old Cratloe Road (L-8078/L-11445) and Redgate Road, Limerick City.

Safe Routes to School

- Works on the Safe Routes to Schools continued in Athea, Murroe and Patrickswell.

TUS Moylish to City Centre Scheme

- Works in front of Thomond Park continued.

Mill Road Scheme

- Mill Road Scheme works were completed.

Towns and Villages

- Loghill, Co. Limerick works progressed.
- Blackthorn Drive, Caherdavin works were completed.

Bus Stop Enhancement Works

- R-527 Ballysimon Road works were completed

Bus Shelters

- Foynes works were completed.

Bus Stop Sockets

- Works for Moyross, Ballynancy, Shelbourne and Kileely commenced.

3. Roads, Traffic and Cleansing

Cleansing

- The Cleansing Section deployed additional staff and resources for the Big Day Out concert at the Gaelic Grounds.
- Additional temporary bins were provided for the Ukrainian Independence Day and the Irishtown Heritage festivals.
- Cleaning of Bedford Row and Thomas Street with the Constructions Mecaniques Automat Rivard (CMAR) hot washer was increased to five days per week to deal with a bird droppings problem arising from starlings roosting in trees.

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- The Cleansing Section also focused attention on Michael Street and Ellen Street with Cleansing working closely with City Centre Response Team to remove dumped rubbish, weed removal on footpaths and cleaning and painting of surfaces in these areas.
- Clean-up, weed removal and sweeping of approach roads to the city.

Traffic

- The Traffic Section have installed a Sonic wall system (Hardware with our Traffic UX Server) which has removed most of our old cable link sites. Cable Link is an older technology and is failing in most parts where we have remote operating sites. This involves pedestrian crossings mainly, but also significant traffic signal junctions in the city and environs.
- Signal communication issues are now resolved at:
 - Cell 11 Parkway Retail Park, Bloodmill Road and Dunnes Store Retail Park.
 - Cell 6 Upper Careys Road Site.
 - Cell 8 Ballinacurra Road/Childers Road.

This will aid traffic flows in this area and ensure communications between sites is maintained for performance and fault log reporting.



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Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

1. Culture

Libraries, Gallery and Museum

City Library at Barrow House

- The annual Summer Stars reading programme continued at the City Library with lots of children's events and activities happening throughout the month.
- Fighting Words took centre stage on 06 and 14 August with two writing and illustration workshops that produced some wonderful stories featuring hugely creative ideas such as superhero gymnast dogs who fight crime.
- A special sensory art and craft workshop took place on 07 August when participants made some amazing sensory boards to take home.
- Weekly story times continued to draw big crowds every Wednesday morning with regular attendances of over 20 people each week.
- Heritage Week was marked with a series of events including a community workshop on 11 August highlighting a new University of Limerick research project that aims to locate Ordnance Survey Ireland benchmarks in County Limerick. This workshop, entitled "Locating Benchmarks, Preserving Heritage", provided information for anyone interested in learning how to get involved in locating these benchmarks and contributing to the research.
- On 15 and 16 August, Friends of Lace Limerick held a series of events in the City Library, to celebrate Heritage Week and August Craft Month. A pop-up exhibition of lace was on display across both days, and lace makers were on hand to demonstrate their craft.
- On 15 August, founding member of Friends of Lace Limerick, Gabriela Avram, gave a talk titled "Entwined Stories: A Talk on Ireland's Lace Traditions", that included a presentation of different Irish laces and an update on the Laces of Ireland project.
- A beginner-friendly lace making workshop led by skilled teacher Eva Ryley was held on 16 August allowing those interested in the fine art of lace making to explore traditional techniques and start their own lace creation.
- Also on 16 August, historian Sharon Slater gave a lecture entitled "Laced into the Landscape: Limerick Lace Historic Locations" as part of the two-day Limerick Lace showcase.
- The art of Tai Chi was demonstrated as part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme on 14 August with a full house learning about the health benefits of this meditative mind-body practice.
- The gentle art of origami was explored on 21 August with a relaxing workshop for adults who wished to learn more about the craft.
- Headway Limerick continued to hold a weekly meeting of their Aphasia Group at the library on Monday afternoons during August.
- Doras hosted another of their information sessions aimed at those moving out of Direct Provision on 19 August.
- Also holding their regular meetings at the City Library this month were the monthly Writepace creative writing group and the biweekly Sahaja Meditation Group.

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- The City Library continued to welcome groups of English language learners from Limerick City College who joined us for a series of eight tours across various dates. Student Campus language school visited on 21 and 22 August and Doras brought two groups on 25 August. All attending enjoyed a library tour and took the opportunity to register as first time library members.

Kilmallock Library

- Heritage week was celebrated at Kilmallock Library with two events:
 - 13 August - Margaret O'Sullivan from the University of Limerick gave a fascinating talk on the "Locating Benchmarks, Preserving Heritage" project. This inspiring initiative is all about discovering and recording historic Ordnance Survey benchmarks - those distinctive "crow's feet" or "sapper's marks" carved into stone right across County Limerick in the 19th century. The project invites the community to help preserve our local history.
 - 19 August - Executive Architect Michael Moloney delivered an engaging and insightful talk on the history of Kilmallock Workhouse with over 40 people in attendance.
- 21 August - Little Readers joined us for a fun, friendly, inclusive session of storytelling, song, rhymes, books and chat with over 20 children taking part.
- Weekly English Conversation Club led by Ballyhoura Development continued on each Tuesday from 2pm - 4pm for those wishing to improve their spoken English skills.
- "Walk and Talk" group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library on Wednesday mornings with an average of 18 participants.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued on each Thursday morning at 11am with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving and had an average of 16 crafters at each session.

Newcastle West Library

- Ongoing use of Sensory Space.
- Regular visits from the Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents.
- Headway Ireland met every Friday morning 10am to 11am.
- Knitting Club continued every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm.
- Adult Book Club continued on the last Thursday of the month.
- On 14 August the library hosted an information session presented by Margaret O'Sullivan, from the University of Limerick, about the "Locating Benchmarks, Preserving Heritage" project.

Dooradoyle Library

- The Summer Stars reading programme continued throughout the month and Dooradoyle were delighted to present a number of family passes to some of Limerick's best attractions to lucky Summer Star raffle winners.
- On 07 August, Dooradoyle hosted the opening of GLANCE, a solo exhibition of paintings and drawings by artist Jim Furlong. The exhibition was launched by Professor Rajnish Gupta and was attended by over 60 people.
- Meditation for adults at Dooradoyle library continued throughout the month with two sessions of Himalayan meditation on 22 and 29 August and one session of the Twin Hearts Pranic Healing meditation on 14 August.
- The Whodunnit book club discussed 'My Name is Jensen' by Heidi Amsinck and 'The Wrong Sister' by Claire Douglas.
- The Dooradoyle knitting group 'Close Knit Friends' continued to meet weekly on Wednesday mornings.

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- Regular visits from the Health Service Executive Training Services Limerick took place with over 35 visits to the library.

Adare Library

- Adare Craft Group continued their weekly meetings every Tuesday.
- The Parent, Baby, and Toddler Group met on 07 and 14 August.
- On 20 August, an Arts and Crafts session was organised for children aged 4-9 years, encouraging creativity and imagination.
- An oil-on-canvas art exhibition by the Adare Art Group was on display throughout the month.

Watch House Cross Library

- On 07 August, ADAPT Services held a series of one-to-one outreach meetings in the library.
- Summer Camp visits continued throughout the month as part of the Summer Programme. Children from Thomond Primary School enjoyed browsing the children's library and took part in a scavenger hunt during their visit.
- As part of the Summer Stars Reading Programme, weekly prize draws took place throughout the month. Two lucky winners won family passes to Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum.
- A series of art workshops for children took place during the month. Children learned how to make flower bouquets and paper windmills.
- Weekly story-time sessions continued on Thursday afternoons.
- Approximately 60 children attended the library for Crafty Saturday events throughout August.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 60 bookings and 171 visitors during the month.

Local Studies

- There were 57 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, materials from the Local Studies collection, and family history consultations. There were 34 remote queries.

Other Branches

Roxboro – Roxboro Library welcomed 12 pupils from Le Cheile National School as part of the DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) Summer camp programme.

Rathkeale – On 15 August, Rathkeale Library hosted a Tai Chi workshop with Kevin Kinsella as part of our Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme of events.

Glin – Glin Library hosted an exhibition by visual artist Emma O'Connor Bray, throughout the month. On 07 August, 18 people attended a 'Meet the Artist' event. On 19 August, as part of our programme of events for Heritage Week, the library was the venue for a guided, participatory workshop exploring the history, foundation and evolution of Glin. This event was facilitated by the Assistant Architectural Conservation Office with Limerick City and County Council. On 26 August, the branch hosted a food survey workshop facilitated by Catherine Caball, Limerick Food Partnership Co-ordinator. The library also hosted regular meetings of the Scrabble Group and the Book Clubs with over 30 people attending.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- The exhibition, On Waking, finished on 10 August. The exhibition featured seven artists including Limerick born Damien Meade.
- Our Lungs Were, by artist in residence, Sheenagh Geoghegan, continued until 10 August.

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- In addition, an exhibition of works from the Permanent Collection by a cohort of women artists of the 20th century, including Maine Jellet, Evie Hone, Camille Souter and Grace Henry, was on display during the month. The visitor numbers for these exhibitions were very good with 14,850 visitors, including a significant number of tourists.
- Limerick City Gallery of Art continued to liaise and work with EVA International for the exhibition throughout Limerick City and hosted the official launch on 29 August.
- Limerick City Gallery of Art along with the other Irish Institutions, the National Gallery of Ireland, Hugh Lane Gallery, and the Crawford Art Gallery in Cork continued to progress the loan of the Walter Osborne's portrait of Miss Webb.

Limerick Museum

- On 14 August, Mayor of Limerick John Moran performed the official opening of A Tribute in Thread. Limerick's Forgotten Lacemakers, which commemorates the makers of Limerick Lace. Lacemakers were not part of a guild; did not imprint their names on their wares; were often from the poorer parts of society; and perhaps most importantly, were comprised of women and children, a grouping often marginalised in traditional histories. This exhibition is dedicated to these forgotten lacemakers, the hidden hands of Limerick lace. A Tribute in Thread - Limerick's Forgotten Lacemakers was funded by Limerick City and County Council through Creative Ireland's Creative Communities on a Shared Island Scheme.
- On 21 August, as part of Heritage Week, Mayor of Limerick John Moran performed the official opening of the exhibition, 160 Years of Saint John's Brass and Reed Band, in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street. It is a collaboration between Saint John's Band and Limerick Museum and showcases a rich collection of memorabilia, photographs, instruments, uniforms, and artefacts chronicling over a century and a half of musical heritage and community engagement. The exhibition was funded by the Arts Office of Limerick City and County Council and the Heritage Council.

- For the first time in its history, Limerick Museum is a venue for EVA International, which opened on 29 August. Limerick Museum hosted a video installation that forms part of A Disentailing Deed, a body of work by Ruth Clinton and Niamh Moriarty.
- On 06 August, the Borris Lacemakers group visited the A Tribute in Thread - Limerick's Forgotten Lacemakers exhibition in the Museum, where they were shown how to make Limerick lace by a member of Friends of Lace Limerick.
- As part of our very successful collaboration with the Limerick Show Society, Limerick Museum sponsored the Crafts Section of the Limerick Show which was held on 24 August.
- The exhibition, The Great Famine in Limerick, continued in Kilmallock Library for the entire month of August.

Limerick Arts Office

Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series

Limerick Arts Office is proud to unveil an exciting programme for this year's Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series, continuing the tradition of bringing world-class classical music to local audiences in a unique and intimate setting. Presented by RTÉ Lyric FM and Opera Workshop's Shirley Keane, from All Saint's Church, this year's series opened on 26 August. John Walsh, David Power, and Marja Gaynor performed a programme featuring their own arrangements of traditional Irish tunes, Flamenco and Contemporary music, as well as music from the Baroque period and the 19th century.

Celebration of Culture, Heritage and Climate at Griston Bog

Síolta Glas, the Limerick Creative Climate Action project, came to the Ballylanders Pattern Festival this year which ran from 15 to 17 August. As part of this much-loved local event, all were invited to a 'Celebration of Culture, Heritage

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and Climate at Griston Bog'. This event encompassed an afternoon of music, memory-sharing, and celebration in the heart of the bog.

Creative Communities on a Shared Island Project: Laces of Ireland

This Creative Limerick led project was busy in August. The Limerick Museum launched their exhibition: 'A Tribute in Thread', as did other project partner Museums: the Armagh County Museum and the Cork Public Museum. Friends of Lace Limerick developed a pop-up exhibition at Limerick City Library. This was accompanied by a beginner's workshop and a context providing talk by historian, Sharon Slater.

Developing Street Performance

In association with the [Mayoral August Activation of Limerick City](#), Limerick Arts Office offered micro-grants to activate the bandstand on Harvey's Quay.

As part of our support and development of Street Performance in Limerick, micro-grants of €150 per performance were offered. Performances took place each Saturday.

Following an open call process Micro-grants and Saturday performance slots were offered to seven artists to perform at the bandstand on Harvey's Quay during August.

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2025

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2025 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme, the purpose of which is to support maximising the leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture. Two letters of support were issued in August, supporting Arts Rethink Ireland applications.

2. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	193
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	24
Derelict Sites Cases opened	10
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	16
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	13
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	3
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	7

3. Community Development

Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of PPN Limerick continues to grow and stands at 269. The membership registration form is on the Limerick PPN website and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- PPN Limerick continues to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

Integration Supports: Migrant Support Forum

Accommodation Centre Visits	9
Group Information Clinics Held	3
Individuals supported	92

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Throughout August, the Limerick Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) actively engaged with migrant communities across the city and county, delivering a wide range of outreach and inclusion initiatives.

- The Local Authority Integration Team conducted outreach across nine migrant accommodation centres, delivering direct support and disseminating critical information to residents. Additionally, the team facilitated four structured group information clinics and held individual consultations, providing tailored guidance on available services, legal rights, and integration opportunities within Ireland.
- In collaboration with DORAS and Limerick Sports Partnership, the Local Authority Integration team proudly hosted a celebration of Ukraine's Independence Day on 24 August in People's Park, Limerick. The event was designed as a vibrant family fun day, featuring live Ukrainian music performances, engaging sports activities, bouncy castles, ice cream treats, and a magician show. The celebration provided an inclusive and joyful space for Ukrainian families and the wider community to come together, honour cultural heritage, and foster community spirit.
- The final four sessions of the summer Family Art Workshop series were held at the Hunt Museum. These workshops were proudly organised with the support of Limerick Local Authority Integration Team, offering families a creative and engaging space to explore art together in a welcoming cultural setting.
- Four immigration and legal advice clinics were conducted by LAIT's Integration Support Worker at the DORAS office. These clinics provided vital one-to-one support to individuals seeking guidance on immigration matters, legal rights, and access to relevant services.

Age Friendly

2025 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards

Age Friendly Limerick welcomed the judging panel for the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2025 to Lissanalta House on 13 August. Limerick Library's Digital Tablet Lending project with Vodafone Foundation, was nominated under the Age Friendly Communications category for the 2025 Awards.

Lifelong Learning

The Age Friendly programme manager was part of the evaluating committee for the seven tenders submitted for Limericks Lifelong Learning strategy.

4. Rural Development

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Funding Scheme

On 14 August, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht announced the successful applications under the Project Development Measure and Measure 1 of the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). Limerick City and County Council was successful in securing funding of €193,150 for five projects. Two projects were selected for funding under the Project Development Measure, which will allow for the detailed development of the Templeglantine Riverside Walking Trail (€50,000) and the Ballylanders Multi-access Walkway Scoping Assessment (€50,000). Under Measure 1, which allows for small scale repair/development/promotion and marketing, three projects were selected for funding. These are Kilmoylan Nature Walk Improvements (€36,000) Marketing and Promotion of three Walking Trails at Adare, Killeedy EcoPark and Kilmallock (€22,050) and the Public Lighting of the Greenway Link from Newcastle West town centre at Bishops Court to the Greenway trailhead at Station Road (€35,100).

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5. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

August Offer a Home figures (OAH)

Properties	August	To Date
Offered	1	252
Inspected	1	252
Allocated /People Housed	0	149/449
Allocation in Progress	1	1
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	2	89
Not yet Ready	1	1
To be matched	0	0

6. Tourism

Tourism General

Flavours of Limerick

- Flavours of Limerick was officially launched on 13 August by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran.
- Taking place from 18 to 21 September, this brand-new festival will celebrate Limerick's vibrant culinary culture through a four-day programme of tastings, live demonstrations, family activities, and immersive food experiences.
- The festival will be delivered by Limerick City and County Council and is supported by the Mayor's Funding, aligning with the broader Mayoral Programme's goal to promote local produce and food heritage.

- The festival aims to spotlight the people, produce, and places that make Limerick a food destination on the rise. Full programme details and booking links are available at www.limerick.ie/flavours.

Limerick City and County Council's (Draft) Tourism Plan (2025 – 2030)

- The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening reports and associated suggested texts for SEA and AA screening determinations were completed by Conservation and Amenity Advice Service (CAAS) Ltd. and received by Limerick City and County Council on 27 August.
- The determinations will now be actioned by Limerick City and County Council, taking into account the screening reports, prior to the proposed adoption and finalisation of the plan.

Limerick City Walking Tour – 'Explore Limerick: Stories, Streets and Heritage'

- Limerick City and County Council's 90-minute walking tour (available seven days a week in Limerick City until the end of September) continued throughout August.
- Led by expert guides from the Limerick Civic Trust, this immersive experience takes participants through the heart of the city, exploring iconic landmarks such as King John's Castle, St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone, Arthur's Quay Park and the scenic River Shannon.
- A free walking tour of Limerick City was exclusively set-up for Limerick City and County Council staff on 29 August. This provided staff with a fantastic opportunity to explore the city and uncover its rich history with the tour providing centuries of stories and landmarks, thereby enabling staff to discover how Limerick's unique quarters have evolved over time.

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Virtual Mapping of Limerick Greenway

- Global Virtual Asset Management (VAM) Ltd. (in conjunction with the Tourism Department in Limerick City and County Council) have conducted a Virtual Reality (VR) mapping exercise of Limerick Greenway. The project is currently 90% complete.
- 360-degree imagery of the top 20 locations and attractions in Limerick City and County is currently being captured by Global VAM Ltd. as part of this project.
- Once complete, all material will be made available on the Limerick.ie website for viewing.

Limerick and Clare Tourism Networking Event

- Planning for the event is now underway with guest speakers and discussion topics to be confirmed over the coming weeks.

Official Opening of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale

- Planning for the official opening of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale commenced in August by the Tourism Department.
- The site includes a new 29-space car park that includes mobility car spaces; a beautiful limestone paving public realm area that surrounds the hub building; toilets; electric vehicle charging points; a bicycle repair stand; a water station; a bus stop, and picnic benches.
- Construction of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale was undertaken by Thomas Nolan and Sons Builders Ltd.
- The finalised project cost was €2.36 million.

Limerick Greenway Shortlisted for Chambers Ireland Excellence Awards 2025

- The Tourism Department in Limerick City and County Council is proud to announce that the following project has been shortlisted during the month in the 2025 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards:
 - Limerick Greenway – Embrace the Unexpected – Supporting Tourism.
 - Limerick Greenway – Embrace the Unexpected is Limerick City and County Council's largest outdoor tourism project to date.
 - Following the old Limerick to Kerry railway line, Limerick Greenway links historic towns and scenic landscapes across West Limerick.
 - It offers family-friendly walking and cycling routes, cultural heritage experiences, and nature-based attractions like Tullig Wood and Barnagh.

Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

- Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued and included the following:
 - Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign focused on amplifying visibility and driving visitor engagement through strategic promotion across digital and traditional channels. The campaign supported seasonal tourism by aligning with events such as National Heritage Week and the Flavours of Limerick Food Festival, while also leveraging influencer partnerships and targeted advertising to highlight Limerick Greenway's unique offerings. Promotional materials emphasized family-friendly activities, wellness experiences, and heritage storytelling, reinforcing Limerick Greenway's brand identity as a destination that connects nature, culture, and community.

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- Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:
 - A post on 04 August highlighting a teddy bear picnic taking place on 23 August and the Barnagh Camino Wellness Experience taking place on 30 August at the Barnagh Greenway Hub.
 - A post on 07 August encouraged the public to complete the 40km Limerick Greenway of scenic countryside, historic landmarks, tunnels, viaducts, and local gems waiting to be explored.
 - Competition details with a prize of a two-night stay for two people at Curly Wurly Glamping as well as a meal at the Thatch Bar and Restaurant both located a short distance from the Rathkeale Greenway Hub were shared with the public on 08 August.
 - A post on 14 August encouraged one last family day adventure before schools go back and highlighted that Limerick Greenway is a safe amenity for kids to cycle, explore nature and enjoy a few final ice creams before the summer winds down.
 - National Heritage Week on Limerick Greenway was highlighted to the public on 16 August highlighting that every step or pedal along Limerick Greenway is a journey through centuries of history, from ancient railways to legendary treasures.
 - On 21 August we were delighted to share that Limerick Greenway has been shortlisted in the 2025 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards!
 - The People of Limerick Greenway Series was highlighted on 05, 12 and 28 August where posts with Olive (owner of the Barnagh Greenway Hub) and Like Bike's co-owner Andy were highlighted.

Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects

- **Barnagh Station House**
 - The Barnagh Station House restoration project is underway with construction ongoing throughout the month.

- The contract with Alan O'Connell Developments includes the full refurbishment of the building, platform, and public realm area.
- **Limerick Greenway Hub at Ardagh**
 - The tender documents for this project were reviewed by the Capital Projects Team on the 22 August and comments have been returned to the Design Team (Healy Partner Architects) for further consideration.
- **Limerick Greenway Hub at NCW Carpark**
 - A 'Letter of Acceptance' was issued to Priority Construction Ltd. in August.
- **Interpretive Design Contract**
 - A 'Letter of Intent' was issued to Imagemakers by Limerick City and County Council on 07 August in relation to the Interpretative Design Contract for the Limerick Greenway Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) projects.
 - A site visit to the Limerick Greenway Hubs in September by Imagemakers is currently being planned throughout the month of August.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 – 31 August

Facebook

Reach: 104,641
Profile Visits: 2,659
New Page Followers: 627

Instagram

Reach: 7,796
Profile Visits: 999
New Page Followers: 399

Social Media Ads

Accounts Reached: 69,104
Post Engagements: 15,645
Link Clicks (to Website): 869

Google Ads

Clicks: 2,589
Impressions: 9,461

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Festivals and Events

August in the City

Limerick City and County Council's August in the City transformed the urban landscape into a vibrant festival of creativity, connection, and community throughout the month. From pop-up cinemas and performances to interactive workshops to family-friendly games and global celebrations, the initiative reimagined public spaces as hubs of joy, movement, and inclusion. Each week was thoughtfully themed, creating a rich tapestry of experiences across five weeks.

- **Week 1: Music and Movement (01 – 03 August)**

The month kicked off with a high-energy focus on music and physical expression. People's Park and Honan's Quay pulsed with activity as residents took part in Afternoon Yoga, Interactive Dance Classes, and the dynamic Sober Rave Club. Events like Summer Salsa Sessions and Dance Limerick's Summer Moves at John's Square encouraged spontaneous participation and community connection through rhythm and dance. These events highlighted the unifying power of music and the benefits of movement in public spaces.

- **Week 2: Family and Play (04 – 10 August)**

Week 2 invited families to reclaim the city for fun and play at Arthur's Quay and Honan's Quay. Highlights included a Circus Workshop, Giant Games Zone, and Let's Play Limerick – all designed to spark joy and togetherness among all age groups. Street performers and buskers animated the cityscape, while family-friendly movie nights at the Milk Market (e.g., Grease and The Greatest Showman) offered a relaxed evening escape. This week reinforced the city's commitment to creating inclusive, family-first spaces.

- **Week 3: Arts and Culture (11 – 17 August)**

Celebrating artistic expression and cultural diversity, Week 3 offered a rich mix of performances and cultural showcases at Arthur's Quay and Bedford Row as well as the Féile Na Gréine Street Party on Catherine Street. From Tapas and Trad, and African Rhythms to the Art in Motion Public Art Performance at John's Square, Limerick showcased its multicultural spirit. Street performers dotted the city, and events like Around the World and A Century of Transport provided immersive cultural experiences. With the backdrop of music, dance, and international flavours, this week illustrated the city's vibrant cultural landscape.

- **Week 4: Mindfulness (18 – 24 August)**

Week 4 encouraged moments of calm, reflection, and wellbeing. Activities like Afternoon Yoga and Puppy Yoga in O'Brien Park nurtured mental and physical wellness in urban green spaces. The Sensory Soirées and inclusive events at Dóchas Midwest Autism Support emphasized accessibility and neurodiversity. With movie nights continuing at the Milk Market and the ever-popular Xtreme Funfair United, this week balanced lively entertainment with spaces for rest and mindful engagement.

- **Week 5: Global Celebration (25th – 31st August)**

The final week culminated in a vibrant celebration of Limerick's global community. Limerick Says Welcome at Baker Place provided a warm embrace to newcomers, while events like Matcha Karana Brunch and the Canvas and Cheers Neurodiverse Soirée highlighted creativity across cultures and identities. The month closed with a dynamic mix of food, dance (Scoil Uí Nualláin Irish Dance), and music, celebrating unity in diversity.

August in the City successfully turned Limerick's streets, parks, and public spaces into a canvas of creativity, joy, and connection. By weaving together themes of movement, family, culture, wellness, and celebration, the programme not only entertained but also strengthened community bonds. With inclusivity and participation at its core, this initiative exemplifies how urban life can be reimagined through culture-led, people-powered events.

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The Festivals and Events Department supported the following festivals and events:

Atlantic Youth Touch Cup 2025

University of Limerick played host to the second Atlantic Youth Touch Cup from 31 July – 03 August, the largest Touch Rugby tournament to ever take place in Ireland. The competition, which was organised by the Federation of International Touch (FIT) in conjunction with the Ireland Touch Association (ITA), featured 45 teams from 12 nations competing in nine categories of competition across Under-15, Under-18 and Under-20 age groups. The Irish Team won one gold medal in the Mixed 18s division, with England winning six gold medals and two going to France. Touch Rugby, a fast-paced, non-contact sport that prioritises skill, speed, and spatial awareness, is growing in popularity across Ireland. University of Limerick worked with Shannon Region Conference and Sports Bureau on the bid to attract the event to the region, with the support of Fáilte Ireland and Limerick City and County Council.

Féile Na Gréine

Limerick's city streets and venues became a backdrop for this year's annual Féile Na Gréine, which took place from the 15 – 18 of August. The festival encourages and fosters experimental musicians to play and showcase their talent, all with the help of volunteers and festival friends. The festival organisers have quietly brought their vibrant and unique festival to venues such as The Commercial, Wickham Way and Ormston House. The festival has done fantastic work in creating a platform for Limerick's rich cultural music identity, while carving out their own diverse repertoire, with awards and writings under their belt but to name a few of their achievements. Féile na Gréine was supported by Limerick City and County Council under the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2024/2025.

7. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DACP)

Tour de Munster Charity Cycle

On 07 August, the Tour de Munster charity cycle made a welcome stop at the historic King John's Castle as cyclists neared the end of day one of their four-day, 600km challenge. The annual event sees participants pedal through the six counties of Munster, all in support of the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland.

Cyclists took a well-earned break to enjoy a hot drink and snack, and to reconnect with family and friends before setting off again on their journey to Killaloe, the final destination for day one.

Now in its 23rd year, the Tour de Munster has raised an incredible €4.6 million for various charities, with Down Syndrome Ireland being the primary beneficiary in recent years. The event continues to grow in strength and community spirit, drawing attention not only to the physical challenge but also to the meaningful cause it supports.

National Heritage Week

National Heritage Week took place from 16 - 24 August with this year's theme, "Exploring our Foundations," inviting visitors to delve into the building blocks of our heritage - not just the structures, but also the landscapes and cultural traditions that have shaped our communities. King John's Castle, Lough Gur Visitor Centre and Adare Heritage Centre hosted four "Shaped by Water" workshops, gathering Limerick stories for National Heritage Week. These events featured traditional Seanchaithe storytelling performances with music, giving local community members the opportunity to share their stories and memories while highlighting the importance of the intangible cultural heritage of water and its impact on their lives.

The workshops were very well attended and received great engagement from the public.

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In addition, Adare Heritage offered complimentary tours of Adare Desmond Castle on 16 August, providing visitors with a chance to explore this historic landmark.

King John's Castle Staff Development Through Exploration: A Two-Day Learning Journey

On 28 and 29 August, staff from King John's Castle embarked on a two-day off-site learning journey, visiting Kylemore Abbey, The Little Museum of Dublin, Kilmainham Gaol and The National Stud and Japanese Gardens.

This immersive experience forms part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the visitor experience and continuously improving our overall product offering. By engaging with other leading heritage sites, our team gained valuable insights and inspiration to bring back to King John's Castle.

Events, The Courtyard at King John's Castle

King John's Castle continues to build its reputation as a premier venue for unforgettable events, with its historic courtyard offering a truly unique experience. On 29 August, we hosted a large-scale event in the courtyard, marking an important milestone as part of our ongoing preparations for Ryder Cup 2027 and future events of similar scale.

This pilot event served as a crucial step in refining our approach to hosting larger gatherings and ensuring that King John's Castle remains an exceptional location for events. With its perfect blend of history, charm, and versatility, the courtyard continues to stand out as a distinctive space for celebrations and exclusive experiences.

Kids Craft Workshops King John's Castle

King John's Castle hosted two Kids' Craft Art Workshops on 01 and 08 August. These sold-out events offered children a hands-on opportunity to engage with the castle's rich history and heritage. Children between 8-12 years old created their own dragon puppets and a mixed media folklore display drawing inspiration from the castle's medieval past in a fun and educational environment.

Nationwide Heritage Week Broadcast from King John's Castle

On 05 August, Nationwide brought the magic of Heritage Week to life with a special broadcast filmed at the iconic King John's Castle. Airing on RTÉ One on 18 August, the program showcased the rich history, stunning architecture, and cultural significance of this medieval fortress, giving viewers across Ireland a front-row seat to Limerick's heritage celebrations.

Complimentary Guided Tours at King John's Castle

Throughout the month, visitors to King John's Castle were treated to complimentary guided tours every Monday and Thursday at 11am and 2pm. These tours offered exclusive insights and captivating stories from expert guides, adding depth and intrigue to the self-guided experience. Guests left with a richer understanding of the castle's history, legends, and legacy.

Lough Gur Lughnasa Festival

On 02 and 03 August, Lough Gur came alive with music, storytelling, and creativity for the Lughnasa Festival, supported by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine. Visitors enjoyed hands-on activities such as willow weaving, a sacred soil tour of the Grange Stone Circle, and lively traditional Irish music.

The vibrant Food and Craft Market was a centrepiece, featuring artisan stalls, farm animal encounters, and enchanting tales from a traditional Seanchaí storyteller. The festival offered a weekend of culture, heritage, and family fun against the stunning backdrop of Lough Gur.



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

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Economic Regeneration

- Outreach to Employment stakeholder meetings were held with Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership (LEDP), Southill Hub and Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group in advance of the Southside Skills Fair, which is an initiative, as part of the Outreach to Employment Programme led by the Regeneration Sports and Recreation Directorate.

Social Regeneration

Economic and Social Intervention Fund

The second tranche of 2025 Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) grants were approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Grant award letters have issued to the successful applicants. In total, grants to the value of €2,018,906.00 have been sanctioned for 141 projects.

Community Activities

King's Island

- Weekly gardening continued in Island gardens on Wednesdays with the Community Gardener.
- A Teddy Bears Picnic was held at King's Island Community Centre on 27 August for children returning to school the following day. The day saw up to 40 children in attendance with their parents. Facepainting, games and treats were enjoyed by all.

Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) hosted a number of fitness and wellbeing classes and programmes. These sessions were delivered in conjunction with the Local Sports Partnership, with Ageless Strength, MoyFit among the regular offerings to members of the public.
- Summer camps at MCEC continued for two weeks with 80 places offered to local school children.
- MCEC continued environmental maintenance in Moyross, including litter picking, grass cutting, and maintenance of playing pitches at Moyross United.

Southill

- Tait House joined the Limerick City and County Council Environment team in the sustainability tent at the Limerick Show, to showcase the Relove Paint project.
- Weekly produce markets were held in Tait House. Vegetables and fruit grown in the polytunnels and gardens were available for purchase.
- As part of Project Empowering Communities with Circular Opportunities (ECCO) activities, Tait House hosted a team from the Rediscovery Centre. This is the national body tasked with growing the knowledge and understanding of the circular economy and sustainable living principles. During their visit they shot a promotional video to highlight Tait House's activities, with a focus on its biodiversity action plan.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The Run Forward Programme continued each Tuesday. Participants will take in several parts of the community in a bid to improve their fitness and become part of an active group.

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- Mass was held at the grotto in Ballinacurra Weston where the extensive works to restore and revitalise the local amenity were recognised. This project was led by the Community Companions with several others from the area contributing to this worthwhile community endeavour.
- The Community Companions at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group Ltd (OLOL CSG) were busy supporting community engagement activities throughout the month. Together with a group of community members and our Early Years Service, they accompanied over 50 children and families to a movie night at the Milk Market. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all.
- The Community Companions treated the “Woodies” group on a cultural trip to King John’s Castle, followed by a meal in Katie Daly’s.
- The Afterschool Service at OLOL CSG successfully delivered their first ever Summer Camps, creating a safe and fun programme of activities for local children. The camps were a great success and will form an important part of Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group future seasonal programmes.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Works progressed on 26 units as part of an infill housing scheme at Carew Park and Delmege Park/ Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Snagging of Blocks three and five at Churchfield (Phase 2) continued and are progressing towards completion.
- The Part eight Planning application for the Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development, Moyross (22 units) was submitted.
- Work on the preparation of a Stage 2 submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the Pineview Gardens Infill development in Moyross (112 units) continued during the month.

Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 houses in St. Mary’s Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 126 (52 houses in Southill) is nearing completion with snagging ongoing during August.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary’s Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill / Ballinacurra Weston) and 131B (16 houses in St. Mary’s Park / Moyross) received Stage 4 approval from the DHLGH.

House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

- The remaining three houses in Lot 4a progressed towards completion.

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) progressed on site with the contractor.

Minor Refurbishments

- Alan Hart Construction Ltd. has been appointed for 56 Delmege Park, Moyross.
- JoeBren Construction Ltd. was appointed to 108 and 110 Cliona Park, Moyross.
- WowCon have commenced works at 2 Galtee View, O’Malley Park, Southill having been appointed as contractor.
- WowCon have also been appointed to undertake refurbishment works at 6 Crecora Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston.

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- Tenant took up tenancy in early August at 246 Valley View, O'Malley Park Southill, following completion of works to the unit.

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme.

Moyross Avenue

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme between Pineview Gardens and Corpus Christi Church, Moyross.

Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension

- Contractor (Martins Construction Ltd) formally appointed.

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The LSP secured €341,500 in funding under the 2025 Dormant Accounts Programme, which is part of a €4.17m national investment in community sport and physical activity.
- Couch to 5K programmes were started in Garryowen and Castletroy.
- There was a plethora of activities as part of HER Outdoors week, aimed at physical activity for females. These included cycling in University of Limerick, a Ladies only Couch to 5K and rowing on the water by Athlunkard Boat Club.
- 'Park Life' commenced in Loughill Outdoor Park on 14 August, which is aimed at physical activity for over 55s, using natural surroundings and outdoor equipment for an enjoyable workout.
- Activator Walking commenced in Abbeyfeale and will run for six weeks – this is another activity targeted at people over the age of 55. It works to help participants to improve their strength, balance and mobility.

- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Local Sports Plan Consultation

- The Steering Group for the Local Sports Plan met on 20 August to plan and prepare for the upcoming community consultation workshops. The group reviewed the on-line survey findings and examined the emerging themes.

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- There were 1,475 individual uses of the track during August. This month also saw 35 new users register via the SportsKey platform.
- Para Athletics Grand Prix took place on 23 August, which welcomed 40 athletes and 20 officials.
- Two-time Olympic Bronze Medallist, Tom Walsh, from New Zealand visited and trained at the Limerick Regional Athletics Hub. Walsh won Bronze medals in the Shot Putt event at Rio (2016) and Toyko (2021). Shot Putt is one of the field sports available at the Hub.
- Training continued for local athletics clubs - West Limerick Athletics Club and St. Mary's Athletics Club.

Rathbane Golf Course

- A total of 4,003 rounds of golf were played with 2,008 of those accounted for by members of the course. The remaining 1,995 were green fee rounds.
- The Junior Membership grew to over 100 following a promotional campaign to involve children in the sport. There are currently 91 Junior Members with an additional 34 younger children now part of the Kidz Club.
- The six-week 'Growth on the Green' programme concluded in August. Limerick Sports Partnership, Golf Ireland and Rathbane Golf Course ran this pilot programme over a six-week period. All participants gained course membership and a QQI 3 qualification in personal effectiveness.

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Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Martins Construction Ltd continued to work on the upgrade works to the resource. They completed renovations of the ground floor changing village and pool deck area. Works commenced on upgrade of the group changing rooms, viewing area and health suite.

Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Park Soccer Playing Pitch – Preparation of tender documents continued.
- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Preparation of tender documents continued.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- The appointed operator, Swim Ireland (SI), continued its recruitment competition for the positions for swim teachers, gym instructors and lifeguards. The operator is working to have all necessary structures and supports in place to enable the resource to open to the public in the near future.
- Martins Construction Ltd. continued the final commissioning and aesthetic works on the complex throughout the month.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,979
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	494

Closed Housing Applications

	August	Year to Date
Closed Applications	66	461

Applications are returned/closed for the following reasons:

- Failure to satisfy the eligibility criteria for social housing support as set out in legislation.
- Failure to submit a complete application and/or further information required.
- Applicants who have been housed by Limerick City and County Council or an Approved Housing Body.
- Applicants who wish to apply to another local authority or are no longer interested in social housing support.

Allocations

	No. of Units August	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	9	33
Newcastle West	4	21
Metropolitan District	17	152
Cappamore-Kilmallock	6	31
Total	36	237

Refusals

	No. of Units August	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	1
Newcastle West	1	2
Metropolitan District	6	29
Cappamore-Kilmallock	3	5
Total	10	37

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
213	126	53	34

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	575
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	646
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	5

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,790 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	15
No. of Amendments	173
No. of Cessations	34

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€17,379,626	€26,030,023	€15,270,683	€10,759,340	59%

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Home Improvement Schemes

Aug-2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	14	0	14
	MAG Expenditure	€2,290.75	€5,546.00	€33,359.32	€2,400.00	€43,596.07
	No. Paid	1	1	6	1	9
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	5	1	29	0	35
	HAG Expenditure	€53,776.49	€55,881.25	€86,390.62	€26,362.50	€222,410.86
	No. Paid	6	8	9	3	26
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	0	2	26	0	28
	HOP Expenditure	€113,320.50	€65,912.97	€103,780.00	€63,029.00	€346,042.47
	No. Paid	16	13	21	9	59
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€31,102.40	€0.00	€31,102.40
	No. Paid	0	0	3	0	3

Total No. Approved	77
Total Monies Paid	€643,151.80
Total No. Paid	97

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

Jan-Aug 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	7	3	36	4	50
	MAG Expenditure	€38,635.75	€14,194.11	€101,611.94	€12,850.00	€167,291.80
	No. Paid	9	4	21	4	38
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	26	42	91	25	184
	HAG Expenditure	€237,392.49	€238,562.74	€1,125,160.61	€151,862.93	€1,752,978.77
	No. Paid	25	33	116	21	195
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	53	84	87	47	271
	HOP Expenditure	€386,545.75	€519,025.17	€762,725.12	€323,099.00	€1,991,395.04
	No. Paid	79	92	201	62	434
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€238,774.26	€0.00	€238,774.26
	No. Paid	0	0	13	0	13

YTD Total No. Approved	505
YTD Total Monies Paid	€4,150,439.87
YTD Total No. Paid	680

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	August	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	23	214

House Visits

	August	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	85	1,475

Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	August	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	286	286
Cases closed during month	62	312

Repossessions

	August	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	7	78

Garda Checks

Repossession of Council properties	7	78
Garda Checks processed	90	793

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Limerick Homeless Action Team – Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) Data

Date: 14.08.25		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	32
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	65
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	23
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	87
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	9
Total		239

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	175	182	113
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	12	19	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		193	211	129

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	August	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	4	23
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	3	7
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	4	56
Loan Applications: No. approved	2	16
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	15	111
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	3	19
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	3	12
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	2	43
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	4	122
Title Rectifications Received	0	6
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	214	2,495

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	8
Ombudsman Query Cases	1
Data Access Requests	4

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered August	1
Year to Date	22

These figures are included in Allocations Figures and Approved Housing Body Allocations*

Traveller Community Sustainment	August	YTD
Number of Inspections	-	305
Number of Tenancy Inductions	-	11
Number of active cases at end of month	67	70
Cases Closed	-	20

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits August	10
Year to Date	140

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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns August	
Total	6

House Returns August By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	1
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	4
Total	6

During August, the Local Authority Housing Construction team were notified of one property returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, one property in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, zero properties in the Municipal District of Newcastle West, and four properties in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in August	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	31
Major Refurbishments	2	74
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	6	62
Major Refurbishments	3	18
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	1	27
Major Refurbishments	0	10
Total	12	222
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	17

- In August, works on two properties were completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, works on nine properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and works on one property were completed by the Regeneration Team.
- There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of August, the Local Authority Construction team is in the progress of completing works on 105 properties, Local Authority Maintenance are working on 80 properties, and the Regeneration Team are working on 37 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process 17 properties.

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Project Updates

- 12 properties currently have contractor on site for refurbishment works.
- Stage 2 approval letter received from Department of Housing for five Units at Bawnmore Road, Kennedy Park and Part 8 application lodged.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at properties on Hyde Road and Martinstown.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property on Ballysimon Road.
- Contract signed for construction of 10 units at O'Connor Park, Ardagh.

Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €1,044,653 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €1,499,184 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during August

Housing Maintenance Cases – August	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.08.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	619	694	991
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	48	39	395
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	103	73	520
Municipal District of Newcastle West	94	78	445
TOTAL	864	884	2,351

Grants Inspections

Metropolitan District of Limerick – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – August

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	11	0	7	18
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	22	0	5	27
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	14	18
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	4	2	6
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	37	4	28	69

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Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – August

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	1	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	2	6
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	12	12
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	4	0	15	19

Municipal District of Newcastle West – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – August

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	4	5
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	15	17
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	4	0	19	23

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Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – August

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	2	5
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	7	0	3	10
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	9	0	13	22
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	19	0	18	37

House Inspection Unit

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - August- Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	10
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	4
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	14
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	4

Defective Blockwork Scheme Applications

Applications Registered August	2
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) August	6
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	1
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	5
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	22

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Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects – August

1	External Painting and Gutter Cleaning of 6 to 11 Aherlow View, Galbally, Co. Limerick (including Wixted's Old Public House).
2	Award of contract for painting and gutter cleaning of apartment block, The Forge, Hospital, Co. Limerick.
3	Award of contract for Fire Remedial Services, for Oak Lodge, Clare Street, Limerick.
4	Quotations sought for External cleaning works of Sarsfield Park Apartment Blocks.

4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.08.2025 is as follows:

As at 31.08.2025 (01.01.2025 – 31.08.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2025 Delivery Target
Build	27	245	272	551
Buy *	6	30	36	€15m (Funding allocation)
Lease	2	29	31	10
TOTAL	35	304	339	

*Majority under the 'Buy' stream are Notice of Termination properties.

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Notice of Termination Figures

The following outlines the number of cases received in August and Cumulative to date (CTD) in relation to Notice of Termination properties:

Category	Activity in August	CTD
Tenant Notification to Council – where a tenant contacts Limerick City and County Council regarding Notice-To-Quit (that meet eligibility criteria, should funding become available)	8	75
Proposals being reviewed	0	4
Sale Agreed	12	21
Purchase Completed	1	153
Withdrawn - e.g., main reasons - vendor not accepting offer based on independent valuation or presence of deleterious material in property (e.g., pyrite) or Fire Safety issues	14	569
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	55
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	0	65
Grand Total	35	942

Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

Project Approvals received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey approval for the delivery of 19 units at Greenfield, Childers Rd/Greenfield Road, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey approval for the delivery of 10 units at Mungret Gate, Mungret, Co. Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme	Approval for the Long Term Leasing of six Units in various locations in Limerick City.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Mortgage to Rent	Approval for the leasing of one unit in Beechview Gardens, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Mortgage to Rent	Approval for the leasing of one unit in Mary Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Combined Stage 1/2/3 approval for the delivery of a five unit Community Dwelling at Ballykeeffe, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Delegated Sanction approval for the delivery of 12 Tenant-in-Situ Acquisition units at Castleconnell, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Approval to proceed with turnkey acquisition of 28 apartments at Sexton Street North, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Approval to proceed with turnkey acquisition of four apartments at Radharc Fhlannáin, Mungret	Metropolitan District of Limerick

Project Submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Affordable Housing Fund	Application for funding for Developer Advance Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick in partnership with FHSF Developments Ltd. submitted to the Department on 13 August.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme	Submission for the Long-Term Leasing of six units in various locations in Limerick City.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Revised Stage 4 submission for the Construction delivery of five units at Henry Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the Turnkey delivery of seven units at Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Submission for the Turnkey delivery of five units at Dromsally Woods, Cappamore	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

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Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in August
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Work continued integrating Preplanning meeting inputs. Councillor inputs from previous workshops were reviewed and integrated. Pre-consultation feedback to the planning pack from other Limerick City and County Council departments being reviewed and actioned. Enabling works tender complete for boundary wall.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	Design optioneering paused -Public Private Partnership Programme under review by Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage Team with a view on determining the Public Private Partnership programme's value for money.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	Revised proposal for Carey's Road was prepared with focus on latest Councillor feedback and is under review by Limerick City and County Council.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Justification Test Tender was advanced throughout August. Design being progressed toward Affordable Housing Fund application.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in August
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	<p>Pre-consultation planning pack responses are under review and being actioned by design team. Additional acoustic survey was tendered as supporting documentation for the planning materials.</p> <p>Final Environment Impact Statement and Appropriate Assessment screening necessitated Natura Impact Statement Stage 2 report and therefore – the project will now be a Part 10 project.</p> <p>Planning consultant tender for Part 10 report and project review was progressed.</p> <p>The Fosse, Phase 1, Local Authority Water Sustainable Urban Drainage System tender was completed and contractor appointed. Works began on site for establishing the new linear Sustainable Drainage System Park.</p> <p>Archaeologists on site monitoring any finds.</p>
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	<p>Work continued on the preplanning design. Updated costings were completed and cost rental testing underway. Planning pack advanced.</p>
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	23	<p>Judicial review in progress. Project on hold.</p>
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	<p>Work continued on progressing this scheme. Contractor has been appointed.</p>

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in August
Ballygrennan Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	73	Work continued on the progression of this proposal. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing underway.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Cluid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Road	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal.
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare/ Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	Work continued on the progression of this proposal with viability testing to be carried out.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing to be carried out.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Raheen	145	An Affordable Housing Fund funding application was submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and is at final stage of approval for Phase 1 of 36 units.
	Municipal District of Adare/ Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Srutháin, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in August
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout August for Phase 1 (seven houses) of Castle Place, Newcastle West.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout August for Carraig Desmond.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock Co. Limerick	14	Work continued on the progression of this scheme.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick	10	Work commenced on the progression of this scheme. Notice of launch of scheme advertised in local press on 29 August.
	SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	<p>Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held weekly and ongoing.</p> <p>Work continued on Internal approvals process for appointment of integrated design team.</p> <p>Work on the provision of a modular prototype experience event in Arthur's Quay continued.</p> <p>Work on the Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment in relation to proposed sites for the SMART Programme continued during August.</p> <p>Work on the provision of procurement and financial advice to deliver the programme continued.</p>

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Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €5,665,233.50 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €5,856,394.71 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

New Housing Schemes Launched by Strategy and Non-Local Authority Construction Team

- Housing Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction launched our eight Rightsizing scheme at Woodlawn Park. There were five units available to private homeowners who are living in a property too large for their needs and wish to right size into a more suitable home. 27 eligible applications were received, and we are in the process of assessing these applications at present.



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Planning and Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Forward Planning

- Following the closing date of submissions on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025-2031, the team commenced work on preparing the Director General Report.

Public Realm

- Continued collaboration with University of Limerick in relation to Limerick City 3D print model.
- As part of Heritage Week, the Shopfront Guidelines were launched in Abbeyfeale Library.

Heritage

- Heritage week ran from the 16 to the 24 August with 43 events held across Limerick City and County. The Heritage Officer organised a number of these events including a Bat Walk in Curraghchase Forest Park.

Conservation

- Two Section 57 determinations were issued.
- Public information evening held on the 07 August at Merchant Quay on the Built Heritage Investment Scheme.
- Everyday throughout Heritage Week, public workshops were hosted in a different Limerick town. These explored the foundation, evolution and significance of these places and included a guided participatory workshop. Through roundtable discussions, participants were invited to collaborate in the preparation of a statement of cultural significance for the place, and to explore how this significance is embodied at present.

- Other Heritage week events included a Guided Tour of Foynes Architectural Conservation Area Flying Boat Museum and the launch of Lecture Series: The Heritage of Limerick and the Shannon.

Archaeology

- Tenders were received for Community Monuments Fund Projects at Ballynoe Tower House and Galbally Church.
- As part of Heritage Week the archaeologist helped organise and roll-out the Dancing the Walls of Limerick Event on 17 August.

2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

A total of 118 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	2
Housing Developments	4
Domestic Developments	77
Agricultural Developments	14
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	9
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	5
Other Developments	7

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The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of 22 dwelling units at Cosgrave Park, Moyross, Limerick.
- Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) comprising the demolition of the vacant former Gas Networks Ireland offices, the proposed development will dismantle and relocate three existing vermiculated arches from the flanking gable wall within the subject site, the construction of 285 residential apartment units in three blocks ranging in height from one-eight storeys, a childcare facility with dedicated external open space, 27 car parking spaces at surface level, 594 bicycle parking spaces, public open space consisting of a new public plaza at the northeast corner of the site (junction of Dock Road and O'Curry Street) and a new public link towards a rear public plaza within the site. The proposed public open space will include hard and soft landscaping, planting, five children's play areas, the reinstatement of two former stone arches from the former site. The removal of three on-street car parking spaces at O'Curry Street to facilitate a new vehicular access point at O'Curry Street for service vehicles, pedestrian and cyclist access only. A median strip is proposed to be installed across the Dock Road to allow for new left in – left out vehicular access arrangement at the existing Dock Road entrance all on a site of approximately 1.26 hectares. The development involves works to a Protected Structure at the 'Former Limerick Gasworks Site', Dock Road, Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the application.
- Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) for the provision of a total of 107 residential units along with the provision of a crèche at Rivers Road, Ballyclogh Townland Castletroy Co. Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the application.
- 10-year permission for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant at Glin. The construction of a new effluent outfall gravity pipeline from wastewater treatment plant site to a new outfall in the maritime area comprising the laying of pipework on private land and within the Coast Road (N69), including along N69 bridge crossing the Glencorby River. Part of the proposed development is situated within the

curtilage of the Seawall which is a Protected Structure at Ballygiltenan North, Caheragh, Glin Demesne, and Killacolla (Barker) (Townlands), Glin, Co. Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the application.

- Construction of a new railway station incorporating a single 174m long and 5m wide single-face operational platform on the southside of the existing railway line, the platform will incorporate lighting, CCTV, ticket vending machines, railings, seatings, shelters, two new entrances/exits, one at each platform end and all other associated site and development works at the rear of Corpus Christi Primary School and the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre Moyross Avenue, and to the rear of Corpus Christi Church, Sarsfield Gardens, Moyross, Limerick.

Place-Making

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- The Tender assessment progressed for 33 and 34 Thomas Street.
- 58 O'Connell Street Roof Repair Works – Roof works and painting of front facade progressed.

Strand 3 – Active Travel Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

- Work progressed on Phase 1 sub-projects which align with the funding allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

Croom Post Office Village Square Project

- Tender documents for painting and remedial works to the exterior being prepared.
- Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

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- Tender process for integrated design team continued. Tender Report received from Tender Assessment Group on 26 August.

Milk Market Food Hub

- Procurement process for the purchase of three Milk Market units continued.
- Proposed Food Hub property investigated further.

City Centre Streets and Laneways

- Request for Quote issued for Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar Survey of priority lanes etc. Contractor appointed.

Greening Georgian Limerick

- Request for Quote issued for planters for pilot project with quotes received on 26 August. Tender assessment completed with preferred tenderer identified.

3. CFRAMS (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study)

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

Steering Group Meeting held on 19 August.

Area A2 St. Ita's Road

- New flood wall construction progressed.

Area A3 St. Ita's Street

- Importation of material for new flood embankment continued.

Area A5 Lee Estate

- Importation of material for new flood embankment continued.

Area A6 Athlunkard Boat Club

- New flood wall progressed and preparation for new flood embankment.

Area B3 Merchants Quay

- Construction of underground tank commenced- base poured.
- Piling continued for second tidal tank.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group meeting held on the 13 August.
- Agreements / Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation progressed.
- Letter of Intent Issued for Geotechnical Contractors.
- Tender documents for Scope for CCTV storm water investigation reviewed.
- Stage 1 Fee agreements progressed. Stage 3 fee discussions continued.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 19 August.
- Updated Cost Benefit Report/Risk to Life Memo finalised ahead of PR3 submission.
- Progressed agreement on Stage 1 Fees.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 18 August.
- Ecological surveys progressed for 2025 season.
- Public realm discussions continued.
- Option development progressed across the scheme area. Draft Multi Criteria Analysis circulated ahead of workshop.

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Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 13 August.
- Project Report 3 (PR3) submission including Cost Benefit Report and Risk to Life Memo submitted on 15 August for Office of Public Works approval.
- Discussions with the consultants regarding agreement on Stage 1 Fees continued.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) at final review.

4. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Opera Square

Progress Update

Contract B – Sitewide Basement and Parcel 1

- Programme – The project is within the final weeks. Key construction elements - including the external envelope, interior finishes, and building services - are complete. System testing and commissioning has now been completed.
- The footpath and road of Michael St. have reopened to the public pedestrians and traffic respectively following approval of completion of all external streetscape works.
- Health and Safety - The site has surpassed 1,000,000 man-hours without any serious injuries.

Contract C – Library, Four Opera Square and Central Plaza Public Realm

- The tendering process has concluded with three submissions received and fully evaluated. A preferred bidder has been selected. The tender report was issued to Limerick City and County Council and the successful/unsuccessful tender letters have been issued to the relevant contractors. Contract award on hold until funding in place.

Contract D – Office of Public Works (OPW) Landmark Building, Granary Redevelopment and Bank Place / Granary Courtyard

- Tri-party OPW Limerick City and County Council Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC Heads of Terms for the sale of the Landmark Building site from Limerick City and County Council to the OPW and subsequent development by LTT has been signed by all parties and all parties are currently working through Developer Agreement documentation.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Progress Update

Phase 1 - Stabilisation and Repair of Flaxmill

- Tenders received from three shortlisted contractors to complete the works. Tender Evaluation complete and preferred tenderer identified. Tender price is slightly below the pre-tender estimate. Submission made to Department of Housing for approval to proceed to award the contract.

Phase 2 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

- The Stage 2A2 draft designs, have progressed to full developed designs suitable for the Planning Application, which were finalised in August.
- Cost Plans and viability assessment updated to ensure latest designs are still viable to deliver.

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- Planning reports progressed throughout August for the Planning Application submission to An Bord Pleanála.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been progressed and includes assessing the developed designs that are now completed.
- A Law Firm has been appointed to undertake the legal review of the Planning pack and EIAR once completed.

TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter City Campus

- Stage 1 design brief, feasibility study, and output specification completed and budget set.
- LTT and TUS agreed to meet to discuss options for progression to Stage 2 including engaging with Higher Education Authority (HEA) to confirm approval.

Subsidiary Activity - Emergency Modular National Residential (EMNR) Advisory Limited.

Modular Accommodation Project

- In line with the EMNR (Emergency Modular National Residential) Service Level Agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ), EMNR continued to project manage the design, planning and delivery of modular accommodation on State owned sites, aimed at expeditiously addressing the modular housing needs within DOJ.

Other Activity

Eolas Magazine

- Limerick Twenty Thirty featured in a report in Eolas Magazine 'Shaping Ireland's First City of the Future'. The report discusses Limerick Twenty Thirty's role in revitalising and reimagining Limerick City. This was shared across social media platforms.

Theatre Royal Works

- Works commenced on site in early August and are well advanced on site.





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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

1. Housing Assistance Payment Shared Services Centre (HAP SCC)

- There were 51,046 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAPSSC at the end of August.
- A weekly average of 130 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2025.
- The August landlord payment run was €51.58 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of August, was €3.034 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €104.604 million in differential rent to end of August.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of August was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 8,401 HAP debt reminder letters in August.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/08/25 – 31/08/25	79	54	133
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	81%	78%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	15%	22%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	4%	0%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications August	23	15	2	16	
Disability Access Certificate Applications August	13	10	0	15	
Licensing Applications August					
Commencement Notice August	55	44	8		44
Completion Certificate August	21	17	0		17
Planning Referrals August	21	19	0		19
Dynamics August					

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- Five new wholetime fire fighter recruits undertook Manual Handling and Cardiac First Responder Training.
- Retained Fire fighters from all retained stations completed a Cardiac First Responder Refresher Course.

Civil Defence attendance at Events and Activities

The following activity took place:

Training

- Four Weekly Training nights were conducted every Tuesday.
- Three Patient Handling Courses were successfully completed.
- An Advanced Course for Cardiac First Response was organised.

- The Civil Defence Personal Safety Techniques and Casualty Handling Course took place in Dublin.
- Driving Familiarisation was provided by an in-house Approved Driving Instructor (ADI).

Duties

- Medical cover was provided for the Cappamore Show 2025.
- Medical cover was also provided for the Irishtown Heritage Festival Event in Limerick City.
- Medical cover was provided for the concert at The Big Day Out in the Gaelic Grounds.
- Medical cover was provided for the UB40 Concert in the Gaelic Grounds.
- The National Services Day Launch occurred in Dublin Castle.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - July	August	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	11	0	11
Municipal Districts	6	3	9

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - July	August	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	46	2	48
Municipal Districts	30	6	36

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

In the month of August, the Climate Action Unit:

- **16 August:** Assisted at a stand promoting Climate Action and Sustainability at the Cappamore Agricultural Show.
- **24 August:** Promoted Climate Action and Sustainability at a stand at the Limerick Show held at Limerick Racecourse Patrickswell.
- **26 - 28 August:** The Climate Action Co-ordinator attended European Climate Horizon (ECHO) 2030 Days, a conference of the Scalable Cities initiative, hosted by the City of Lyon, France. The event marks the culmination of over a decade of innovation, collaboration and implementation of smart, scalable solutions for climate-neutral cities across Europe through the Horizon 2020 programme.
- Published a tender for the preparation of a District Heating Feasibility Study for the Limerick Metropolitan Area.
- The Citizen Innovation Lab continued to host The School of Architecture UL (SAUL) Intelligence Unit as they revisit the “One City” research project from 2009. The project will deliver a report of the research finding of the exercise that will inform the preparation of the new county development plan and an enlarged physical model of the city centre that will be used to assist public consultation on the city centre.

Veterinary Services

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	12
Number of dog fines issued	0
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	7
Number of horses seized	9

Environment Regulation and Enforcement

(Litter, Waste, Air, Noise, Water/Wastewater and Public Health).

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	47
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	
16 DWWTS (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems) (Septic Tank Inspections)	53
Warnings issued	10
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	1
Statutory notices issued - **DWWTS - 7 Advisory Notices issued **DWWTS - 25 Notices of Compliance Issued **DWWTS - 7 Notices of Compliance with an Advisory Notice Issued	19**
Prosecutions initiated	3
Fines issued	0
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered ***Waste Facility Permit/Certificate of Registration issued- 1 ***WFP/COR's surrendered - 1 ***Certificate of Compliance - 2	1***
Planning reports	69
Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received (MS Dynamics)	120
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	470
Warnings issued	3
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	0
Statutory notices issued	17
Prosecutions initiated	9
Fines issued	10

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Saturday 16 August and Sunday 24 August - The Domestic Waste and Litter Team was represented at the Cappamore Show and the Limerick Show promoting segregation of waste, illegal dumping, bin your gum, any bag any bin for dog fouling, cigarettes butts. The Team engaged with well over 300 people at each show and proved to be very successful.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

Anti-Dumping Initiative - The Scouts Hall, John's Square Basement, Limerick City was subject to large scale clean up during the month of August.

Parks

Projects progressed in August 2025

Location	Description
Multi Use Games Area Hospital	The contractor is on site and redevelopment works are progressing.
St. Patrick's Well Garryowen	The contractor has been appointed to improve the appearance and use of the open space in the area and around the holy well.

Other highlights of August 2025:

As part of Heritage Week and GreenPlace project, a street party took place on Old Clare Street on 17 August. This event was enjoyed by approximately 300 attendees and included traditional Irish music, songs, fun games, face painting for kids and a celebration of the historic Medieval Wall of Limerick which included dancing the Walls of Limerick.

Cemeteries

Projects progressed in August 2025

Location	Description
Castlemungret Cemetery	A geophysical survey has commenced to establish the extent of rock in the remaining unoccupied areas of the cemetery.
Kilmurry Columbarium Garden	A monumental sculptor has been appointed.
Columbarium walls at Adare Cemetery and Castlemungret Cemetery	Tenders have now been received for the provision of Columbarium Walls at both these locations.

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in August 2025

Mount St. Lawrence	8
Mount St. Oliver	8
Castlemungret	6
Kilmurry	3

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	11	Farm Inspections of Farms in Bunoke Catchment and Flemingstown catchment
Pre Assessment of farms for the National Agricultural Inspection Programme	16	Assessment prior to visiting farms
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Letters sent	38	Notification of Inspection and/or further information required
Closing Letter	2	Compliant letters from Inspection
Dynamics CRM - Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/complaints	8	Water Pollution Complaints
Dynamics CRM - Non-Routine Farm Inspections	1	Inspection of farms not in the National Agricultural Inspection Programme received through Dynamics
Dynamics CRM - Number of Active Cases	17	Open cases in Dynamics CRM- Good Agriculture Practice and Non-Good Agriculture Practice cases
Dynamics CRM - Number of cases open longer than 30 days	11	Open cases in Dynamics CRM
Farm File Reviews	8	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Local River Catchment Assessment	1	River Walk Assessment of the Sheep River, Sheep_010 River Catchment to assess the River Water Quality
River Monitoring - Kick Samples	5	Biological Monitoring of the Sheep_010 River Catchment by kick sampling sections of the riverbed of the Sheep River to check the Water Quality
Invasive Species	4	Identification and investigation of Invasive Species
Invasive species website	4	Giant Hogweed locations indicated
Planning Files	17	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Forestry Files	3	Review of forestry applications and report to Forestry.
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	2	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations
Poultry Books	3	Books issued
Poultry Dockets	200	Dockets received and uploaded
External Meetings	1	Uisce Eireann regarding Farmyard management plans and spreading of Biosolids from Waste Water Treatment Plant

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People's Park – Quiet Area proposal

Public consultation began on 23 August regarding a proposal to apply to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment to designate the People's Park as a Quiet Area as part of the Limerick Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024-2028, to highlight the benefits of positive sound quality to citizens health and well-being.

Environmental Awareness

Going for Gold 2025

The Limerick Going for Gold 2025 radio campaign has officially launched on Live95 FM.

The first five finalists have been voted by the public: Castleconnell TidyTowns, Kilmallock Tidy Towns, Kilmeedy Tidy Towns, Athea Tidy Towns and Bulgaden Tidy Towns. Limerick 95 FM visited the five communities to afford them the opportunity to showcase their ongoing projects. These top five Community Groups are straight through to the prestigious Final Ceremony of Limerick Going for Gold 2025!

The Limerick Going for Gold campaign was supplemented with radio interviews with the Environmental Awareness Officer, Biodiversity Officer, and Community Climate Action Officer.

Cappamore Show 16 August

As part of National Heritage Week, the Environmental Awareness unit sponsored a stall within the sustainability tent in the Green Village of The Cappamore Show. This outreach event proved popular with the public with information available across the spectrum of Environment and Climate Action functions including – waste segregation, litter management, domestic waste water treatment systems (septic tanks), biodiversity and climate action.

Limerick Show 24 August

Again, as part of National Heritage Week, and together with the Biodiversity Officer, a sustainability tent was sponsored at the Limerick Show. The public enjoyed learning about the www.mywaste.ie toolkit and participating in our manual version of the game [Take a minute, before you bin it! - My Waste](#).

The team was joined by colleagues from the Library Service who showcased the Europe Direct initiative [Limerick Library | Libraries Ireland](#) together with some fantastic books on sustainability and the Home Energy Saving kit which is available to borrow from 11 of our Libraries.

The Local Enterprise Office attended and promoted the Green for Business Scheme amongst other schemes. [What is Green for Business - Local Enterprise Office](#).

The Community Water Officer attended with [Local Authority Waters Programme - Local Authority Waters Programme](#), along with [Ballyhoura Development CLG](#) with their fabulous Sustainable Development Goals stand, Doon Social Farm, [Home - West Limerick Resources](#), [Relove Paint | Limerick.ie](#), [The Rediscovery Centre](#), [The Urban Co-Op - home](#), [Home and Limerick Bat Group \(City and County\)](#),

Biodiversity

The Dragonfly Mural at Grove Island

A vibrant new mural has been completed at Grove Island Leisure Centre as part of the Limerick Wildlife Walls initiative. Celebrating biodiversity, the project is funded 85% by the [National Parks and Wildlife Service](#), with support from Limerick City and County Council. The Council's Biodiversity Officer is collaborating with [Draw Out](#) to deliver the series.

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Lesser Horseshoe Bat Walk – Curraghchase Forest Park

During National Heritage Week, Limerick City and County Council's Biodiversity Officer partnered with the Vincent Wildlife Trust for an evening bat walk in Coillte's Curraghchase Forest Park. Using bat detectors, participants heard the melodic calls of lesser horseshoe bats, along with detections of:

- Daubenton's Bat
- Leisler's Bat
- Common Pipistrelle
- Soprano Pipistrelle

Guided by Dr. Kate McAney and Vicky Knight, the event highlighted the ecological importance of bats, particularly the Lesser Horseshoe Bat. Limerick is one of only six counties in Ireland where this bat has been reported.

Seed Saving on Sallybank/Corbally Meadow

Also part of National Heritage Week, a seed saving workshop was held on the Sallybank/Corbally Meadow, led by Áine Ní Fhlártha. Participants learned techniques for collecting seeds from native wildflowers such as wild carrot, knapweed, yellow rattle, and yarrow–key species for supporting pollinators and ecosystems.

Laboratory/Rural Water

This Month the Laboratory Rural Water Unit approved grant payments on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as follows:

Grant Type	Amount	Number of Schemes
Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) Capital funding 2024-2026 for Group Water Schemes (GWS)	€52,622	2 Group Water Schemes
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme Operational Costs	€443,990	8 Group Water Schemes
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€25,000	6 Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€4,937.25	1 Household

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Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

1. Business Improvement

- A total of 906 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 681
- Limerick City and County Council have been shortlisted as finalists in four categories of the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2025, namely:
 - “Co-Plan: Keeping Limerick On Track” in Local Authority Innovation.
 - “Northside Skills Fair” in Promoting Economic Development.
 - “Limerick Going for Gold - Environment Improvement Grant and Competition” in Supporting Sustainable Communities.
 - “Limerick Greenway – Embrace the Unexpected” in Supporting Tourism.

2. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

Procurement Department

Staff in the Procurement Department are responsible for setting up and extending existing procurement references on request from all Departments within Limerick City and County Council.

The following shows the number of Procurement References dealt with during the month:

New Procurement References set up	31
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/agreement	11

Requisitions Oversight Unit

The Requisitions Oversight Unit staff validate all requisitions raised across the entire Limerick City and County Council. The following statistics applied for August:

- Approved requisitions accounted for 82% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 18% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
August	1,158	248	1,406

The top five requisition rejection reasons for August were identified as follows:

Rejection Reason	Reason
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – Omitted/Insufficient detail	65
Request for Quotes - Omitted	46
Procurement Reference - Omitted/Incorrect	39
Quotes – Omitted/Incorrect	31
Quotation Form – Omitted/Incomplete	24

Register of Electors

Total Transactions on Electoral Register	1,744
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Health and Safety Training

Health and Safety Training organised the following courses during the month:

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Abrasive Wheels	1
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) – Telescopic Handler	4
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	3
First Aid	10
Manual Handling	23
Safe Pass	7
Total Staff Trained	48

Access to Information

	August	2025 (January to August)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	19	181
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	3	8
Information Commissioner Appeals	0	3
Total Ombudsman Requests	3	27
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	3	25
AIE Internal Appeals	0	2

Schedule of Meetings for August

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to consider the Local Property Tax	26/08/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	22/08/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online

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Customer Services

The Customer Services Team continued to support our customers and Public Representatives at first point of contact by answering queries via telephone, email, My Limerick and social media. Case creation, payments processing and generally facilitating applications for all Council services also continued throughout the month.

The following figures highlight the activity within the contact centre throughout the month:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 7,702 calls. This represents an average of 367 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 486 on one particular day. 82% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,185 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.
- 2,559 cases were created, with 743 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 68% of the cases created.
- 2,443 cases were closed, with 660 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the My Limerick portal continued, with a total of 145 cases being logged. Of these, 141 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- 97% of Housing Maintenance cases for the Metropolitan District of Limerick were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay offices.
- A total of 63 out-of-hours cases being created.
- 90 Residential Parking Permits were applied for and 70 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,242 customers at both our Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

3. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

Great Days Out Summer Tourism Initiative

- Successfully concluded our summer tourism initiative, 'Great Days Out', which showcased a wide variety of affordable and appealing itineraries, ideas and inspiration for memorable summer experiences across Limerick.
- Over the course of the campaign our social media followers grew 3,428 across all social media platforms. We amassed 3,324,185 views on all content throughout the campaign while garnering 40,390 engagements on social media content.

Limerick Student City

- Created a 2025/2026 Limerick Student City Map and Guide, highlighting the range of off-campus activities on offer to Limerick's student population.
- Distributed this to incoming students via our education partners in University of Limerick (UL), Mary Immaculate College (MIC), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), Limerick Clare Educate and Training Board (LCETB) and Griffith College Limerick.

Other Activity

- Created a Golf Limerick Brand identity, merchandise and print promotional asset ahead of the Ryder Cup 2025 visit to New York.
- Partnered with Glance Promotions in the roll out of a Limerick advertisement on digital screens throughout Limerick.
- Collaborated with local vintage market 'The Ivory Elephant Market' to encourage people to 'Shop Local'.

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Social Media

Followers across our eight main social media platforms is now as follows:

Limerick.ie Facebook: 37,728

Limerick.ie X: 21,069

Limerick.ie Instagram: 41,159

Limerick.ie TikTok: 4,006

Limerick City and County Council X: 18,894

Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 4,864

Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 16,040

Limerick City and County Council TikTok: 1,060

Limerick.ie

In August, there were 189,563* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 4% increase on the same period in 2024.

(*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie were:

1. www.limerick.ie
2. www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning
3. www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse
4. www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on
5. www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/community/august-in-the-city (event over)

Content Report: 94 articles, 230 events and 63 new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in August.

Communications

- Issued 22 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and wrote 12 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Posted 445 times across the three Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 40,855. Our posts earned 361,362 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Social media posts were created and shared for the following:
 - Series of post for jam-packed series of events for this year's National Heritage Week.
 - Promotion of Limerick City and County Council's attendance at Cappamore and Limerick Shows.
 - Competition for Junior Membership Giveaway at Rathbane Golf Course.
 - Series of posts promoting work on enhancing public spaces.
 - Weekly posts to promote 'August in the City' events.
 - Posts for re-homing dogs via the Limerick Dog Shelter.
 - Posts for Limerick Going for Gold 2025 Competition.
 - Launch of Flavours of Limerick Food Festival.
 - Promotion of August Twilight Thursday.
 - Posts to promote the Limerick Regional Athletics Hub.
 - Starting monthly "Irish Word of the Month" social post.
 - Posts for Ukraine Independence Day.
 - Start of promotion for "Limerick's Built Heritage" series of upcoming lectures.
 - Video for clean-up after starlings on Bedford Row – received over 89,947 views.
 - Promotion of several job vacancies at Limerick City and County Council.
 - Weekly Planning Lists posts.
 - Series of road notices, water notices and public notices.
 - Handled all media queries, which come into communications@limerick.ie and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.

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4. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting

There was no Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Briefings/Workshops

A Briefing was held for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick:

- Briefing to discuss the South Circular Road Active Travel Development.

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- Description of project: Patrickswell School Crossing Upgrade**

Location: Patrickswell
Cost of project: €35,000
Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering Limited

- Description of project: Ballinacurra Gardens Restoration Improvement**

Location: Ballinacurra
Cost of project: €120,000
Contractor: Roadstone

- Description of project: Galtee Close Restoration Improvement**

Location: Caherdavin
Cost of project: €130,000
Contractor: Roadstone

- Description of project: Woodbine Avenue Restoration Improvement**

Location: Caherdavin
Cost of project: €100,000
Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited

- Description of project: R503 Newport Road Restoration Improvement**

Location: Drominboy
Cost of project: €364,500
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations / COLAS / Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited

- Description of project: St. Patricks Road Restoration Improvement**

Location: Singland
Cost of project: €138,000
Contractor: Roadstone

- Description of project: Avilla, Milford Grange Restoration Improvement**

Location: Castletroy
Cost of project: €119,250
Contractor: Rathcabin

- Description of project: Russell Court Restoration Improvement**

Location: Ballykeeffe
Cost of project: €190,000
Contractor: Roadstone

- Description of project: L1147 Ballyneety towards Boherload Surface Dressing**

Location: Ballyneety
Cost of project: €50,842
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Roads Operations

- Description of project: L-5121 Gooig Bridge Rehabilitation**

Location: Gooig, Castleconnell
Cost of project: €30,000
Contractor: Cumnor Construction Limited

- Description of project: Lickadoon Local Improvement Scheme**

Location: Ballyneety
Cost of project: €73,600
Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited

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- Description of project: Carragh Avenue Footpath Improvement General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Project**
 Location: Caherdavin
 Cost of project: €30,000
 Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited
- Description of project: Aisling Annacotty (Crossing Improvement) Active Travel Scheme**
 Location: Annacotty
 Cost of project: €125,000
 Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited
- Description of project: Church Road / Nessans Court (Footpath Improvement) Active Travel Scheme**
 Location: Raheen
 Cost of project: €125,000
 Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering Limited
- Description of project: Sylvester O'Halloran and Sarsfield Bridge Maintenance**
 Location: City Centre
 Cost of project: €5,000
 Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team
- Description of project: General Pavement Maintenance**
 Location: Limerick City Centre
 Cost of project: €10,000
 Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

Essential repairs to social houses and public roads were undertaken by the Housing Maintenance and Roads Maintenance Teams:

- 49 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 60 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Road Reconstruction Works

Road Reconstruction works carried out at:

- Ballyallinan Junction to L1215 Ballybrown.
- Ballyallinan Cross to L6147 Loghill.
- L6028 Ballynaguila, Kilfinny.

Community Involvement Schemes

Community Involvement Schemes completed at:

- Cooltomin, Rathkeale.
- Kilmoreen, Kildimo.
- Ardbohill, Rathkeale.

Local Improvement Schemes

Local Improvement Scheme completed at:

- Rathneagh, Ardagh.

Drainage Works

Drainage Works completed at:

- Dunmoylan.
- Shanagolden.
- Kilmore, Granagh.

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Municipal District Meetings

There were no Meetings of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held during the month.

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 78 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 59 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.



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Housing Grants Processed and Paid

Grant Type	No. Processed	Paid
Housing Adaptation Grant	3	€26,362.50
Mobility Aids Grant	1	€2,400.00
Housing Aid for Older Persons	9	€63,029.00

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

The following works were completed in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock:

Restoration Maintenance Schemes

Description of project: L1133 Killuragh Cross to New Bridge	Grant: Restoration Maintenance Grant Local
Location: Killuragh	Cost of project: €20,828
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council	
Description of project: L1152 Moymore to Old Pallas	Grant: Restoration Maintenance Grant Local
Location: Moymore	Cost of project: €14,845
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council	
Description of project: L1136 Gortavalla East to Cooga Cross	Grant: Restoration Maintenance Grant Local
Location: L1136	Cost of project: €31,460
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council	

Description of project: Garrydoolis School to Knockane GAA

Grant:	Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant Local
Location:	L5150
Cost of project:	€26,900
Contractor:	Limerick City and County Council

Description of project: L1127 Farnane Flood Relief Works

Grant:	Climate Adaption and Resilience Works (CARW)
Location:	Farnane
Cost of project:	€35,000
Contractor:	Limerick City and County Council

Restoration Improvement Schemes

Description of project: L1127 Murroe National School	Grant: Restoration Improvement Grant
Location:	Murroe National School
Cost of project:	€80,000
Contractor:	English Tarmac

Description of project: L1132 Boher

Grant:	Restoration Improvement Grant
Location:	Boher
Cost of project:	€240,000
Contractor:	Roadstone

Drainage Schemes

Description of project: R515 Bresheen	Grant: Drainage Grant
Location:	Bresheen, Kilmallock
Cost of project:	€20,000
Contractor:	Limerick City and County Council (Kilmallock Roads Crew)

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructural Scheme

Description of project: Link between River walk and Car Park	Grant: ORIS
Location:	Darragh Riverwalk, Glenroe
Cost of project:	€33,000
Contractor:	Limerick City and County Council (Kilmallock Roads Crew)

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Community Improvement Schemes

Description of project: **Drainage Works L1513 Raheen**

Grant: CIS
Location: L1513 Raheen Garryspillane
Cost of project: €7,500
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council (Kilmallock Roads Crew)

Description of project: **Surfacing Works L8637 Glenroe**

Grant: CIS
Location: L8637 Glenroe
Cost of project: €26,000
Contractor: English Tar and DR Construction

Description of project: **Surfacing Works L8639 Griston, Ballylanders**

Grant: CIS
Location: L8639 Glenroe
Cost of project: €15,000
Contractor: English Tar and DR Construction

Description of project: **Drainage Works L8571 Tobernea**

Grant: CIS
Location: L8571 Tobernea, Kilmallock
Cost of project: €4,000
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council (Kilmallock Roads Crew)

Description of project: **Drainage Works L66302 Galbally**

Grant: CIS
Location: L66302 Galbally
Cost of project: €10,000
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council (Kilmallock Roads Crew)

General Municipal Allocation

Description of project: **Driver Feedback Signs at Effin GAA Field and Bruff Rugby Club**

Grant: GMA 2025
Location: Effin GAA Field and Bruff Rugby Club
Cost of project: €9,000
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council (Kilmallock Roads Crew) and Civic Integrated Solutions

Description of project: **Resurfacing of Laneway in Ashill Estate**

Grant: GMA 2025
Location: Ashill Estate, Kilmallock
Cost of project: €16,000
Contractor: English Tarmac

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- No Municipal District of Newcastle West meetings are held during the month.

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 94 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 74 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Housing Grants

- Housing Aid for Older People Scheme - €65,912.97
- Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme - €55,881.25
- Mobility Aids Housing Grant - €5,546.00

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

Road Reconstruction

- Road Reconstruction works were carried out at the following locations:
 - R524 Major drainage and Road overlay scheme Athea completed.
 - R523 Athea near National School, Safe Routes to school scheme ongoing.
 - Flooding events at Dromcollogher (20 July) and R524 Abbeyfeale to Athea (13 August)

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Drainage Scheme Works

- L6040 Glenwilliam, Ballingarry Road Improvement/ drainage works.
- L6039 Glenwilliam, Ballingarry Road Improvement/ drainage works.
- Dromcollogher village drainage improvements and conveyancing improvements along the River Ahavarragh and Carroward stream.
- R524 Drainage improvements especially in Cratloe, Abbeyfeale.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

- Three LIS schemes completed to date. There are potentially a further two schemes awaiting approval.

Surface Dressing Works

- There are three surface dressing schemes yet to be completed from the Schedule of Municipal District works. These three schemes will be completed in early September.

NTA Schemes

- Completed footpath improvements at Feaghanagh.
- Ongoing works at Strand, Ashford and Ballyagran.

Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,297 routine transactions generating an income of €208,488.

