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

October 2025

Green light for Greenway: €2 million hub begins in Newcastle West

Halloween in Limerick captures imaginations across the city and county with a programme bursting with folklore, fire and community spirit

Limerick City and County Council announces the continued rollout of the Community Climate Action Programme; a transformative initiative designed to support local communities to take meaningful climate action

Limerick's first Integration, Health and Wellbeing Conference is a resounding success covering themes including accommodation services, health services, women's health, wellness and sporting facilities

Key project in Limerick's ongoing transformation unveiled as plans for the €400 million plus Cleeves Riverside Quarter revealed to public

Limerick City Tidy Towns strikes gold in the 2025 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition marking a significant milestone for the city and reflects the dedication of our volunteers

Planning greenlit for Moyross Train Station confirming major step forward for local connectivity

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Office of the Mayor

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

The Mayor visited Rotterdam in the Netherlands, having been invited to a conference by the European Urban Initiative to engage in a focused policy lab, which involved key discussions around Limerick potentially accessing European funding.

The Mayor also visited London to partake in the inaugural class of the Bloomberg London School of Economics (LSE) European City Leadership Initiative. This is the first-ever professional leadership and management programme designed specifically for Mayors and municipal officials. The Mayor is one of 30 Mayors and city officials who hail from 17 countries, serving over 21 million residents, selected to participate.

The new 96-bed block at University Hospital Limerick was opened on 14 October, which the Mayor attended, along with meeting Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill.

A Mayoral Reception celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Irish Chamber Orchestra's presence in Limerick was held. The Irish Chamber Orchestra (ICO) first relocated to Limerick from Dublin back in 1995 when the Irish World Academy was being established at the University of Limerick. The ICO has since toured the world, recording and showcasing local and national creativity on a global stage.

On the international front, the Mayor was pleased to welcome Ambassadors from both Chile and Ukraine to City Hall for bilateral discussions.

Delivery on the Mayoral Programme continues, with the Limerick Mayoral Advisory and Implementation Committee convening for its seventh meeting this month.

The Mayor, along with members of Limerick City and County Council's Executive Team, also travelled to Dublin in October for the second Limerick Mayoral and Government Consultative Forum. Chaired by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD, the meeting was attended by the Mayor of Limerick John Moran, Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke TD, Minister of State for Planning and Local Government, John Cummins TD, Minister of State with special responsibility for Older People and Housing, Kieran O'Donnell and Minister of State with special responsibility for Rural Transport, Jerry Buttimer TD.

01 October

- Attended the European Urban Initiative Focused Policy Lab in Rotterdam
- Attended the Rethink Ireland event in Dublin

02 October

- Delivered the keynote address at the Irish Planning Institute in Dublin
- Unveiled the Famine Memorial in Kilteely in conjunction with Kilteely Tidy Towns

03 October

- Met with the Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom in London

04 October - 09 October

- Partook in the Bloomberg London School of Economics (LSE) European City Leadership Initiative

10 October

- Officially opened the new University of Limerick Student Life Building in Castletroy
- Joined the meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly

11 October

- Spoke at the book launch of "Edinburgh's First Hibernian" in Ballingarry
- Gave a speech at the Mid-West Simon Annual Charity Ball

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12 October

- Attended the "Be-A-Butcher" workshop in conjunction with Down Syndrome Limerick and Tom's Butcher, Castletroy

13 October

- Hosted pre-budget meeting
- Gave a speech at the official opening of 96 beds in University Hospital Limerick
- Gave the closing remarks at the Limerick Chamber Energy on the Estuary Summit 2025
- Met with representatives from Treaty United Football Club (FC)
- Hosted a meeting with the Regional Executive Office of the Health Service Executive
- Recorded a Social Media video for Limerick Chamber Awards 2025
- Launched the Limerick Panto Society production of "Aladdin"
- Gave an address at the Colm McCann evening at the Lime Tree Theatre

14 October

- Provided the opening address at the Integration Health and Wellbeing Conference, Limerick
- Attended a meeting in Ballyneety Golf Club regarding Junior Ryder Cup Event
- Hosted a meeting with the Director of Service for Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Attended the Management Board meeting
- Attended a meeting regarding the proposed public realm enhancement plan for Ballybrown and Clarina Community

15 October

- Pre-planning meeting for Mayoral and Government Consultative Forum
- Met with the Deputy Director General
- Met with the Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services
- Received a presentation on Wind Wave Power from Technical University Shannon
- Participated in the West Limerick Sports Club meeting in Newcastle West
- Hosted a Mayoral Reception for the Irish Chamber Orchestra, marking 30 years in Limerick

16 October

- Participated in the Limerick Mayoral and Consultative Forum in Dublin
- Attended Iarnród Éireann event in Dublin

17 October

- Meeting with Limerick 2030
- Strategy meeting with the Housing Department
- Photoshoot with the Back 2 Boston runners at City Hall
- Officially opened Bowe Dental's new premises in Limerick City
- Met with the Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services
- Meeting with the Director of Planning and Place-Making
- Recorded a Social Media video for "More for Moyross"
- Official launch of Shelbourne Athletic Football Club 100

18 October

- Spoke at the Moyross United Football Club Golden Jubilee Anniversary Ball

19 October

- Laid a wreath at the Patrick Sarsfield Branch of the Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel (ONE)
- Guest of Honor at The Limerick Opera Festival - The Carmen 150th Gala Concert

20 October

- Hosted the Mayoral Implementation and Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended the College Players Theatre Company press launch for their new production "Lend Me A Soprano"

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21 October

- Met with Limerick Thomond Probus Club
- Gave interviews to journalism students
- Hosted the Director and President of Griffith College
- Recorded Social Media content for Twilight Thursdays
- Attended a reception in City Hall for Limerick's nominees for Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place competition
- Met with residents from the South Circular Road regarding the Active Travel Scheme

22 October

- Met with Regeneron volunteers at Pery Square
- Interview with Live 95FM
- Attended the Gala Opening night of "Connie" at the Theatre Royal

23 October

- Met with the Secretary General of the Housing Department, Dublin
- Gave speech at the McCann FitzGerald "Think In" Dublin
- Spoke at the Limerick Going for Gold Community Awards 2025 event, Castletroy

24 October

- Launched the "More for Limerick" fund in conjunction with Rethink Ireland
- Met with the CEO of An Taisce
- Attended a Finance meeting
- Opened the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School 2025, Bruff

25 October

- Visited "The Manor Fields", Adare
- Visited St. Mary's Rugby Football Club (RFC)
- Joined the Limerick Tamil Community, Diwali Celebration and gave a speech at the opening ceremony in Cappamore
- Attended the Halloween Processions, city centre

26 October

- Celebrated the Limerick Harvest Festival and City Pumpkin Patch Fest at the Milk Market

28 October

- Met with the Director of Service for Transportation and Mobility
- Met with the Director General
- Attended the Corporate Policy Group Meeting
- Spoke at the Shannon Foynes Port Company Dinner for Wind Europe

29 October

- Spoke at the Business International Trading Alliance event
- Met with a local Limerick Knitwear designer
- Worked with the Environment and Climate Action Team and Henri, highlighting dog fouling in public places
- Met with the Director of Service for Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development
- Met with the Acting Director of Service for Housing
- Celebrated the Honorary Doctorate Ceremony for the former Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland
- Attended the Goodbody Stockbrokers "Pathfinder for Irish Aviation" Report event

30 October

- Meeting in relation to Patrickswell
- Meeting with Innovation Exchange
- Hosted the Ambassador of Ukraine to Ireland
- Hosted the Ambassador of Chile to Ireland
- Met with the Director of Service for Planning and Place-Making
- Met with Croom Precision Medical
- Launched the Limerick Gift Card Christmas Campaign in association with Limerick Chamber and Limerick Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
- Official starter for the Halloween Fancy Dress 5k run for Twilight Thursday

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31 October

- Met with the Director of Service for Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Met with the Director of Transportation and Mobility
- Met with the Director of Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services
- Met with the Head of Human Resources
- Attended the Sallins Dramatic Society, Soldier Field play in the University Concert Hall

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1. Finance

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2025	
As at 31 October 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,361,759 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	496,885
Writes offs/ Waivers €	1,906,195
Total for Collection €	67,527,434
Amount Collected €	59,404,769
Arrears €	8,122,665
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	493,371
% Collected	89%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31 October 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	1,474,583 ^
Writes offs €	-34
To Collect €	1,743,316
Receipts €	1,714,269
Arrears €	29,047
% Collected	98%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for October 2025

** 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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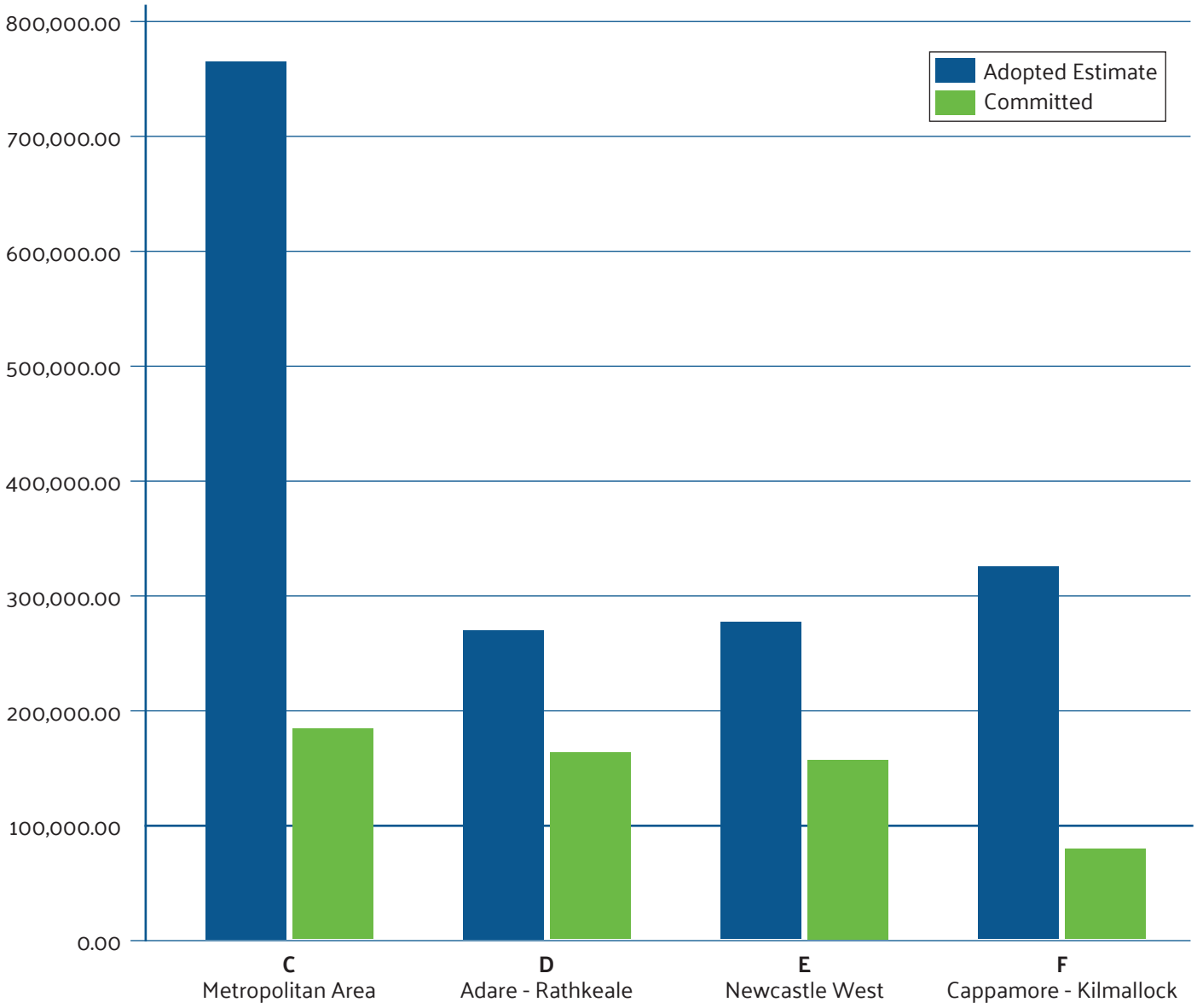
General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

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



Municip (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate (€)	Value Committed (€)
C Metropolitian Area	763,300.00	183,734
D Adare - Rathkeale	270,000.00	161,780
E Newcastle West	278,600.00	156,212
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	327,600.00	79,393
	1,639,500.00	

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2. Trade and Investment

- Trade and Investment attended the Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) Budget Breakfast meeting on 08 October. The Limerick Gift Card was promoted at the event by encouraging local businesses to avail of the Small Benefit Exemption Scheme to reward their employees.

- Trade and Investment attended Energy on the Estuary Conference on the 13 October at Verizon, Limerick.

- Trade and Investment attended the Live95FM Best of Limerick Awards on the 16 October. The event was a huge success and was sponsored by The Limerick Gift Card.

- Trade and Investment attended the opening of the new Bowe Dental event on 17 October.

- A member of staff from the Trade and Investment Department attended the Traders Stakeholders Event at Engine on 20 October where they made a presentation on the Limerick Gift Card and encouraged the traders to consider the gift card for their staff bonus/incentives.

- On 30 October, Trade and Investment held a fantastic evening of music, motivation, and local pride at the amazing One Opera Square, an exceptional 106,000sq. ft. office building to host the October Twilight Thursday showcase event for the Limerick Gift Card. There was a full house to welcome Ray Goggins, former Irish Special Forces Operative and bestselling author, who delivered an unforgettable talk on resilience, leadership, and purpose. The evening was beautifully complemented by a live opera performance from the Limerick Opera Festival.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

- Twilight Thursday ran another successful edition featuring the first public event in One Opera Square with our colleagues in Trade and Investment and The Limerick Gift Card. We had Limerick's very first city centre fancy dress night run with almost 500 participants dressed up and running through the city at night. In conjunction and funded by Fáilte Ireland we put on exclusive performances by The Hit Machine Drummers accompanied by fire breathers to celebrate Samhain and Munster Rugby's Victory over Connacht. The performances gathered large crowds inside and outside of Katie Dalys, The Old Quarter, Timmy Martins, Myles Breen's, Paul Flannery's and Jerry Flannery's.

3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran 11 Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics during October for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 109 business owners from across the City and County.

- The LEO Limerick Business Advisor Roadshow returned in October with the LEO Team visiting Doon, Adare, Kilmallock and Kilfinane during October.

- On 16 October, National Women's Enterprise Day was hosted by the three Mid-West LEO's at the Cashel Palace Hotel in Tipperary where approximately 160 female entrepreneurs from across the region celebrated the contribution to business and employment in the Mid-West by female entrepreneurs and business owners.

- In October LEO Limerick approved the following supports for Businesses across the City and County:

    - Six Digital for Business supports
    - Four Green for Business supports
    - Five Energy Efficiency Grants totalling €44,562
    - Three Grow Digital Grants totalling €11,935
    - Mentoring assignments were approved for 24 entrepreneurs/business owners
    - Three LEAN for Business supports

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4. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.10.2025 - 31.10.2025	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	1,039
Other Calls	359
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(01 min 56 sec) 116
Total No. of calls in October	**1,398**

5. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Enterprise Infrastructure

- The ongoing management of hub operations and tenant relations in Engine, Engine Collaboration Centre, The Old Bank Abbeyfeale and N21 Enterprise Centre Rathkeale remained a core operational focus.
- Preventative maintenance and presentation standards were upheld across all the Hubs.
- Tenancy occupation: 100 % Rathkeale Enterprise Centre, 100% The Old Bank Abbeyfeale, 100% Engine Collaboraton Centre and 50% Engine.

Enterprise Ecosystem Development

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

Innovation in Action Series

Pathway to Innovate

Innovate Limerick is a lead partner in the Pathway to Innovate Midwest programme and plays a central role in weekly project management meetings with key partners - Skillnet Ireland, Skillnet Innovation Exchange and Industry Research and Development Group (IRDG).

The organisation also oversees advertising, marketing, and event management activities related to the programme. A key aspect of Innovate Limerick's contribution is driving participant engagement and attendance. Notably, Innovate Limerick achieved the highest attendance rate among all participating partners, including Research Development Innovation (RDI) Hub, Kerry; Ludgate Hub (West Cork), Platform 94 (Galway), Republic of Work (Cork), Advancing Innovation in Manufacturing (AIM) Centre (Sligo).

National Innovation Summit

On 23 October Innovate Limerick was represented at the Innovation Summit in Galway. The event was organised by Skillnet Innovation Exchange, and it brought together 250 innovators and business leaders focused on innovation, digital transformation, sustainability, talent and leadership. This was a hugely successful event and covered topics such as:

- Embracing disruption and creating a "winning mindset" in business.
- How innovation and collaboration can drive economic success.
- Sustainability as a business opportunity, not just a compliance burden.
- The intersection of innovation and sport.
- Scaling globally: funding, regulation, networks, and ecosystem support.

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Enterprise Events Hosted

The Engine Collaboration Centre welcomed over 180 participants across 16 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.

- Industry Research and Development Group – IRDG (01, 02 October)
- Enterprise Ireland drop-In clinic
- Visit of Italian Ambassador to Engine Building (07 October)
- Pathway to Innovate (14 October)
- Treaty Software meetings (09, 15 October)
- Local Enterprise Office Limerick meetings and workshops (LEO) (21 October)
- Film In Limerick meetings (09, 22 October)
- Podcast recording with Limerick Chamber (16 October)
- "Connie" production (4-6 weeks)

Collaborative Events

Visit of Italian Ambassador to Engine

Head of Innovate met with Nicola Faganello, Ambassador of Italy to Ireland, who visited Limerick as part of his official tour of the Munster region. The visit aimed to strengthen economic, academic, and cultural cooperation between Italy and the Mid-West region. The Head of Innovate shared how Innovate Limerick contributed towards the evolving enterprise ecosystem of Limerick and the Mid-West.

National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED)

On 16 October Innovate Limerick attended National Women's Enterprise Day. This event was attended by female entrepreneurs from across the Mid-West Region. Female entrepreneurship is increasingly viewed as vital for economic growth, innovation and diversity. This event helps raise visibility for women-led businesses.

Croom Enterprise Centre Board Meeting

Attended the Croom Enterprise Centre Board meeting, contributing to discussions on strategic direction and ongoing operations.

Hub-Tenant Introductions

Facilitated connections between local hubs and potential tenants by making introductions and sharing relevant information, supporting occupancy and community growth across the network.

Connie

Innovate Limerick provided the Connie production team and crew with complimentary space for rehearsals, wardrobe storage, and access to canteen facilities, along with their own access keys for ease of use.

Engine Hubs

Innovate Limerick maintained strong working relationships with all hubs in the network and associated partners, including Connected Hubs and the Western Development Commission, by attending monthly coordination meetings, facilitating information sharing between partners, and supporting joint promotional and engagement activities across the region.

Liaison with Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) regarding Connected Hubs Funding

Liaised with the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) on behalf of Ballyhoura Heritage in relation to the onboarding on Connected Hubs website to comply with funding requirements.

Engine Hubs Website Maintenance

Monitored and maintained the Engine Hubs website throughout October to ensure continuous functionality.

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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

Exciting Progress on Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road Scheme: Partial Opening of Dual Carriageway

Limerick City and County Council and the Department of Transport were pleased to announce the opening of a new section of dual carriageway from the Tesco Roundabout at Coonagh to the newly constructed roundabout on Cratloe Road on 07 October. This partial opening represents a significant step forward in improving connectivity and traffic flow in the area. While substantial completion of the full dual carriageway cannot take place until the entire route between Coonagh and Knockalisheen is finished, this development will provide immediate benefits to road users and the local community.

2. Active Travel

Net Zero Cities Twinning Learning Programme

Active Travel in Limerick City and County Council recently hosted a delegation from Tampere, Finland, for a two-day visit on 09 and 10 October.

The Tampere delegation met with Council teams, community representatives and local stakeholders to exchange experiences and best practices and discuss how each city is supporting a transition to more inclusive, people-centred mobility. Presentations and workshops focused on areas such as behavioural science, communications and the design of accessible walking and wheeling routes across Limerick.

Limerick Cordon Report 2024

The Limerick Cordon Report 2024 published by the National Transport Authority (NTA) this October presents a detailed snapshot into inbound traffic flows into the city on weekdays between 07:00 and 19:00.
Key findings:

- Cycling and walking are up: Since 2022, inbound cycling trips increased by 31% (from 838 to 1,100 in 2024) and pedestrian trips grew by 37%.
- Sustainable travel is increasing: The total share of sustainable journeys (walking, cycling, bus and rail) rose from 23% in 2022 to 27% in 2024.
- Busiest routes: Thomond Bridge was the busiest route for cyclists, followed by Sarsfield Bridge and Shannon Bridge Roundabout.
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- Source: Limerick Cordon Report 2024: Report on Inbound People Movements Across the Limerick City Cordon

Projects on Site

Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) to City Centre

Works commenced at the Southern side of Moylish Roundabout heading towards Hassett's Cross and at Bellefield Gardens.

Bloodmill Road, Windsor Court and Castletroy View

Improvement works at Bloodmill Road and Castletroy View were completed. The works included footpath widening, a new raised zebra crossing, kerb realignment landscaping, removal of bollards and updated road markings.

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Corbally Road Safe Routes to School

The Active Travel Team and the contractor met with the local residents ahead of the construction phase. The appointed contractors, Shareridge, have commenced preliminary site activities.

Other projects

Bus Stop Sockets

Active Travel on behalf of Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) have installed a number of bus stop sockets along the 303 and 306 bus routes, with bus stop poles to follow.

Towns and villages

- New and upgraded footpaths as well as public lighting and drainage improvement works were completed in Strand, in cooperation with the Newcastle West Operations Team.
- New and upgraded footpaths as well as public lighting and drainage improvement works commenced in Ballyorgan, in cooperation with the Cappamore-Kilmallock Operations Team.

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Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

1. Culture

Libraries, Gallery and Museum

City Library at Barrow House

- The month of October is all about Children's Book Festival, the annual festival that helps spread the enjoyment of books and reading among children and families, authors and illustrators, teachers and librarians all over Ireland.
- As part of Limerick Libraries' programme of events, Limerick City Library welcomed author Padraig Kenny who spoke to two classes from Scoil Íosagáin about his books and creative writing on 02 October.
- Illustrator Celina Buckley joined us on the 15 October to give a workshop on Observational Drawing which helped the children learn to draw by observing objects and scenes closely, focusing on detail and professional techniques.
- Arran Towers visited on the 17 October with a special performance of his Tallest Smallest Circus.
- On 23 October, acclaimed author Helena Close hosted two creative writing workshops that were thoroughly enjoyed by classes from Scoil Íosagáin and Castletroy College.
- Limerick Mental Health Week took place from 06 to 12 October, and the City Library hosted several events as part of programme for the week.
- On 06 October the Library hosted the Body Tree College for a workshop on Sound Baths and Meditation.
- On 07 October a workshop from Mid-West ARIES on journalling for wellbeing and the Library also hosted a one-off pop-up book club as part of the week's events.
- On 08 October there was a special Parent and Toddler Storytime and on 09 October we welcomed back the Body Tree College for a second workshop on Sound Baths and Meditation.
- The City Library was delighted to welcome Her Excellency, the Ambassador of Chile to Ireland, Mrs Constanza Figueroa, who visited the Library as part of her diplomatic visit to Limerick on 30 October. Mrs. Figueora is a great lover of libraries and enjoyed her tour of the Library during which she donated some books by Chilean authors.
- On 15 October staff from the City Library visited the Limerick COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Support Group at their regular weekly educational talk. The group received an introduction to the library service and information on how to become members and avail of all the facilities of their local library, both in branch and online.
- During school mid-term break week, the City Library provided two arts and crafts workshops for children. One had a seasonal spooky theme while the other was a more relaxed, sensory friendly session.
- Digital Skills training classes for people wanting to get more from their online devices continued weekly on every Tuesday of the month with thanks to volunteers from Age Action Ireland.
- Paul Partnership began a course of Personal Development classes on 13 October which will run on every Monday morning throughout the month.
- Weekly toddler story times continued to draw big crowds every Wednesday morning, and Róisín Meaney joined us for her monthly story telling session on 18 October.
- There were 10 book club meetings across the month.

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- The University of the Third Age's Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups held their regular meetings at the City Library at various dates during the month.
- The City Library continued to welcome groups of English language learners from both Rightword Institute and Student Campus who visited the Library to join and get an introduction to our service and facilities.
- The Library also welcomed class visits from primary schools Scoil Íosagáin and St. John's, while two class groups of Transition Year students from secondary school Ardscoil Mhuire visited at the start of the month for a library tour and to join the library.

Kilmallock Library

- Kilmallock Library was delighted to host an outreach "Little Readers" session to 33 enthusiastic girls and boys at Buttercup Childcare, Ballylanders on 03 October.
- On 07 October we marked Limerick Mental Health Week with a free talk entitled "Building Wellbeing Step by Step" delivered by Cillian Keane of Mental Health Ireland which explored ways of looking after our mental health and wellbeing and how we can more easily integrate this into our everyday lives. A total of 24 participants took part.
- On 08 October, as part of the Bualadh Bos Children's Festival, creator/performer Darren Yorke delivered two workshops full of imagination, creativity, positivity and fun to 29 pupils from Kilbehenny National School followed by a session with 35 pupils from Scoil Mocheallóg.
- Also on 08 October, Dylan the "Knight for Hire" held two sessions at Kilmallock Library where his passion and energy brought history to life with 40 pupils from Scoil Mocheallóg National school captivated by his stories, armour and unique take on history.
- On 09 October, "Book Buddies", Kilmallock Library's book club for children aged 9 to 12 years, took place with this month's title "Shadow Thieves" by Peter Burns.
- On 21 October, illustrator and author Celina Buckley delivered a wonderful Book Cover Making workshop for 1st class pupils from Scoil Mocheallóg.
- "Libraries for Literacy" initiative held its last session on 21 October where participants dipped their toes into the world of storytelling.
- On 23 October, Kilmallock Credit Union held an informative talk on financial wellness and covered important topics including budgeting, saving, loans, money muling and more. Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) also held an information stand.
- On 23 October, "Little Readers" joined us for a fun, friendly, inclusive session of storytelling, song, rhymes, books and chats.
- On 28 October, a Creative Songwriting workshop was delivered by Music Generation Limerick County to 10 budding musicians aged nine to 12 years.
- On 29 October, we welcomed storyteller Daithí Collopy for "Gather Round Me Now - Samhain Tales", a captivating Halloween traditional Irish storytelling session for all the family. Daithí recounted the legends, history and folklore of Samhain in story and song to an enthralled audience at this booked-out event.
- Bridge classes continued each Thursday of the month with 14 participants.
- Weekly English Conversation Club facilitated by Ballyhoura Development continued each Tuesday 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 19 participants.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued every Thursday morning and had an average of 15 crafters at each session.

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Newcastle West Library

- Ongoing use of Sensory Space.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents continued in October.
- Headway Ireland met every Friday morning from 10am to 11am.
- Knitting Club continued every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm.
- Adult Book Club continued on the last Thursday of the month.
- Children's Book Club continued on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
- Creative Writing Classes with author Lucy O'Callaghan continued every Tuesday at 6pm.
- Éigse Michael Hartnett opening night on 02 October held in the library.
- Sadhbh Devlin Storytelling and Creative Writing classes on 04 October.
- Children's Book Festival event – two sessions of the entertaining Knight for Hire show were held in the library on 22 October.

Dooradoyle Library

- On 02 October, Dooradoyle Library celebrated National Tree Day with two Willow Weaving workshops presented by Elaine Feely. Students from Scoil Mathair Dé created bird feeders and learnt about biodiversity in their local area.
- Children's Book Festival celebrations started on the 03 October with an interactive workshop based on the Roald Dahl book "The BFG", presented by the Tallest Smallest Theatre. Three classes from St. Paul's National School enjoyed taking part in the show. On 14 October Fifth Class pupils from Monaleen and St. Paul's national schools enjoyed an interactive demonstration on medieval life from Knight for Hire. On 15 October Second Class from St Paul's took part in a "Create Your Own Book" workshop with Celina Buckley.
- Senior Infants from St Paul's had a lively storytime and craft session to celebrate Mental Health and Wellbeing Day on 08 October.
- For Bank of Ireland (BOI) economy week, St Paul's 5th Class visited Dooradoyle for a BIO economy workshop on 17 October.
- Dooradoyle Library's "Close Knit Friends" the knitting and craft group met every Wednesday to create and chat.
- The Limerick Health Service Executive (HSE) Training Services visited the library throughout the month with 40 visits.
- The Midwest Multiple Sclerosis support group had a meeting in the gallery on 09 October.
- The Irish Countrywomen's Association had a meeting in the gallery on 15 October.
- On 10 October, there was a large attendance at the launch of "October Song" an exhibition of recent works by Brian MacMahon, Paddy McNamara and Patrick Corcoran.
- On 11 October a local women's group held a "Creative Kids" Workshop presented by Krissie Shaw, a Children and Young People's Therapist. The children attending created a sensory toy, which they took home with them.
- For Maths Week Ireland, Dooradoyle Library hosted a "Maths in the City" afternoon on the 14 October, open to both adults and children. This was held in conjunction with Mary Immaculate College.
- Dooradoyle Library held its annual Halloween themed craft session on 30 October.

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Adare Library

- On 01 October, library staff brought the joy of storytelling to Busy Kids at Ballycummin Crèche, where children took part in interactive storytelling sessions and learned more about all the services available in their local library.
- On 07 October, author Pádraig Kenny hosted two interesting events for pupils from Scoil Naomh Iósaf and St. Nicholas School. Pádraig shared his experience of the book writing process.
- On 16 October, Helena Close hosted two creative writing workshops that were attended by three classes from Our Lady's Abbey and Scoil Naomh Iósaf.
- On 22 October, Knight Dylan visited Adare Library, where pupils from Scoil Naomh Iósaf learned about medieval life, arms, and armour through an exciting and hands-on educational session.
- On 29 October, Croom and Ballingarry Parent and Toddler Groups participated in a Halloween Arts and Crafts session.
- On the same day, a craft session was held for young library borrowers, where they enjoyed creating festive Halloween masks and bracelets.
- As part of the Skills for Life programme, a four-week Smartphone Technology Course began on 09 October. The aim of the classes is to increase digital literacy and promote inclusion and lifelong learning among older members of the community.
- The Adare Craft Group met eight times throughout the month.
- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group met on 23 October.
- Students from Croom College of Further Education visited three times during the month.

Watch House Cross Library

- On 03 October Eilis Kerins of CramdenTECH hosted an information session on Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) exploring the many ways A.I. technologies are integrated into daily living. The talk was organised as part of the Skills for Life Program.
- Children's Book Festival programme at the Library:
  - On 15 October a visit from local author Helena Close. Helena delivered creative writing workshops to children from local primary schools.
  - Arran Towers of Tallest Smallest Theatre entertained approximately 70 children from Corpus Christi Primary School on 18 October with his interactive circus show.
  - Pupils from Christ the King Boys National School learned all about medieval history during Dylan Nolan's 'Knight for Hire' shows on 23 October.
- Age Action Ireland began a new series of digital skills classes on 23 October.
- A group of 18 students from Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) visited the Sensory Room on 24 October. This visit was organised as part of their Early Childhood Studies course.
- Mid-term break activities included a family movie screening of Hocus Pocus, Lego workshops and a Halloween drawing competition.
- A special Halloween-themed craft workshop took place on 30 October followed by a spooky story-time in the children's library.
- Both adult and junior book clubs held their meetings at the end of the month.
- The Friday Parent and Toddler group took part in the festivities with a Halloween party on 31 October.
- Regular events such as Story-time Thursday and Crafty Saturdays continued throughout the month.
- The Sensory Room had 57 sessions and 164 visitors in October.

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Local Studies

There were 57 onsite visits to the Local Studies Department in October, comprising research on the newspaper archives, online resources, and materials from the Local Studies and Archive collections. Five family history advice sessions were provided. There were 32 remote queries.

Other Branches

Rathkeale – Weekly class visits from local primary schools continued throughout the month with 68 pupils calling in to the branch. Church Street National School were invited to attend a Halloween Arts and Crafts event during the month, and St. Anne's Primary School were invited for a Halloween themed storytime. On 23 October, Arran Towers performed his Trunk of Tricks interactive show as part of our programme of events for Children's Book Festival which was attended by Church Street National School.

Glin – On 28 October, Glin Library celebrated 20 years in the Court House on Main Street with a performance by the Community Singing group Canadh Inbhear that was attended by the local community. Over 130 adults and children called in to the branch throughout the day. Children's Book Festival was celebrated on 01 October when author and illustrator Celina Buckley facilitated a 'Magical Maps' illustration workshop for 30 pupils from St. Fergus National School. The library welcomed the 'After the Bell' afterschool club for storytimes on 07 October and 14 October. 13 children from Glin Preschool Montessori called in on 09 October for a storytime. On 16 October, five pupils from the St. Fergus National School Autism Class visited the library. Two Healthy Ireland at Your Library events took place this month - Kevin Kinsella facilitated a Tai Chi class on 08 October, and Aoife McDonald from the Digestive Health Clinic gave a talk on 'Nutrition for Wellbeing'. In total, 23 people attended these events. On 29 October, Irish author June O'Sullivan met with the members of the Book Clubs to talk about her life as an author and give a reading from one of her books. Throughout the month, the regular meetings of the Book Clubs, Craft Club, Scrabble Club and Community Singing were held.

Cappamore – Cappamore Library hosted two events celebrating the Children's Book Festival. On 08 October Knight for Hire Dylan Nolan entertained 45 pupils from Scoil Chaitríona with his educational and interactive demonstration of medieval life, food and dress. On 21 October, the branch hosted an illustration workshop, facilitated by author and illustrator Celina Buckley, and attended by 20 pupils from Scoil Chaitríona. On 22 October, the branch hosted an information morning for members of the public to attend. This event was part of the ongoing 'Libraries for Literacy' project, and brought together local organisations, community groups and services.

Foynes – Children's Book Festival came to Foynes during the month with an illustration workshop on 01 October. This workshop, facilitated by author and illustrator Celina Buckley was attended by 6th Class St. Senan's National School. On 23 October, Arran Towers entertained the pupils from St. Senan's National School when they attended his Trunk of Tricks interactive show.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- The 41st EVA International exhibition taking place at LCGA as part of the overall exhibition in various venues in Limerick City finished on 26 October with an overall visitor attendance of over 15,650.
- Three separate exhibitions from the Permanent Collections, Director's Cut, and selected works acquired, purchased, and donated to LCGA between 2015-2025, featuring Edward Maguire's portrait of Michael Hartnett continued to be exhibited throughout October.
- The other selected exhibitions featured a recent donation by Jim Sheehy of 45 prints by international artists to add to Hollander Workshop Prints, New York City prints within LCGA Collections.
- Limerick City Gallery of Art continued to liaise and work with local and national groups, with University of the 3rd Age (U3A) holding weekly meetings throughout October and Gaeloideachas, Gaeilge don Naíonra holding a workshop on 18 October. The Gallery, with EVA International, held workshops on 24 October.

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- LCGA continued to liaise and make available loans from the Permanent Collections and 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. This work is being loaned for the exhibition Homecoming: Walter Osborne's Portraits of Dublin, 1880–1900 taking place in the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art in Notre Dame, Indiana in the United States of America.

Limerick Museum

- On 09 October, Councillor Maria Donoghue performed the official opening of Permanent Impermanent Images, an art exhibition by Holger A Baehr, a distinguished German artist long resident in Ireland. Holger works in acrylic on deep canvas, often using a process of layering and sketching paint.

- On 05 October, the Curator took part in Poetry People on RTE Radio 1, speaking about the history of the limerick poem in the context of the Irish poetic tradition dating back to the bards.

- The exhibitions 160 Years of St John's Brass and Reed Band in St Mary's Cathedral and "The Great Famine in Limerick" in Kilmallock Library continued for the entire month. In addition, the EVA International video installation "A Distentailing Deed" remained on display in the Museum for the month. All three continued to receive a great many visitors.

Limerick Arts Office

Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

Open Call - John's Square Artists' Apartments 2025

Limerick Arts Office announced an open call for one of the Artists' Apartments at 1-2 Johns' Square, Limerick. This subsidised apartment supports local Artists and creative practitioners available to recognised cultural practitioners across all art forms. Closing Date for Applications: 12 noon, 31 October 2025.

Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Pop-Up Art Gallery

Limerick Arts Office announced an open call for Expressions of Interest for a Pop-Up Art Gallery, in the run up to Christmas. This call is open to professional, emerging artists and collectives, who wish to showcase their art. The aim of this EOI, is to build a list of creatives, who would be interested in taking up opportunities to display their works, should Limerick Arts Office be able to obtain spaces to do so.

Call for Applications - Grants Under the Arts Act 2026

Limerick Arts Office launched an open call for Grants Under the Arts Act funding scheme on 24 October. These grants are open to artists, community and voluntary groups to promote the arts and provide access to arts for Limerick. The total grant budget is €20,000 and grants offered average between €150 - €500, with a maximum of €1,000 being offered in exceptional circumstances.

Call for Applications - Individual Arts Bursary, Theatre Bursary, and Dolores O' Riordan Music Bursary Awards Schemes 2026

Limerick Arts Office launched an open call for applications from professional artists who wish to be considered for an Individual Arts bursary of up to €4,000; the Dolores O' Riordan Music bursary of up to €4,000, for a Theatre bursary of up to €5,000. The bursaries programme focuses on the development of work/professional skills. Artists in any artform can apply but must be based in Limerick City and County Council's administrative area or operating substantially within Limerick City and County.

Éigse Michael Hartnett Literary and Arts festivals 2025

Éigse Micheal Hartnett opened on 02 October, with events, readings, talks, exhibitions and music presented in Newcastle West. The festival continued until 05 October. This festival is funded by the Local Authority Arts Council partnership, Creative Ireland and Limerick City and County Council.

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The Michael Hartnett Poetry Award, which is funded by Limerick Arts Office and the Municipal District of Newcastle West, was presented to poet Aifric Mac Aodha on 02 October.

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2025

Two letters of support were issued under the strategic fund for culture and arts, which was developed by Limerick City and County Council to facilitate culture and arts organisations and practitioners in leveraging funds from national and international sources. Limerick City and County Council provide 10% of the successful national or international award, to a maximum of €5,000, to fund elements of the projects specific to Limerick.

Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series

The 2025 Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series continued this month, 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, the concert on 21 October featured internationally recognised cellist Ailbhe McDonagh and acclaimed pianist John O'Connor.

Síolta Glasa

Síolta Glasa, a creative climate action project delivered by Creative Limerick and the Climate Action team, drew to a close on 30 October with a final conference. The conference was held at the Absolute Hotel and provided a platform to showcase the work of Síolta Glasa.

Síolta Glasa used creativity to empower communities to take climate actions by making carbon reduction activities relevant, actionable and relatable to people's lives and communities by bringing together community groups from across Limerick city and county, with creative partners.

Dolores O'Riordan Winner Performance Showcase

The recipient of the Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary 2025, Dr. Fiana Ní Chonaill struck an original chord with New Connections Harp Collective on Sunday, October 19 in Friar's Gate Theatre, Kilmallock. This unique collective brings together both professional and amateur players, featuring talented young performers, from Limerick, Kerry, Galway, Roscommon, Tipperary, Waterford, and Cork.

2. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	223
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	41
Derelict Sites Cases opened	11
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	27
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	10
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	7
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	5
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	13

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3. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC and Local Action Group (LAG) meetings were held on 07 October.
- The following groups received LEADER funding approved at the LAG meeting:

Knocklong Development Association Limited by Guarantee (CLG)	€11,623.50
Askeaton Ballysteen Active Retirement	€5,189.41
Rathkeale Community Council	€60,497.55
Croom Family Resource Centre CLG	€11,525.92
Maigue Rivers Trust	€44,895
Cappamore GAA Club	€28,528.69
Adare Recreation and Community Complex CLG	€37,839.99

Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of PPN Limerick (PPNL) continues to grow and stands at 274. The membership registration form is on the Limerick PPN website and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- PPNL continues to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.
- During October, in line with their focus on promoting social inclusion, PPN Limerick hosted an event with "Céad Mile Failte", a Conradh na Gaeilge program which aims to Celebrate diversity through the Irish language. This workshop illustrated that the Irish language is for all and is aimed at the new communities in Ireland.
- PPN Limerick also supported the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) to deliver in Limerick Legal Observer training. Legal observers are independent observers who are trained to monitor protests.
- On 31 October PPNL opened Nominations for PPNL Seats on the Limerick Community Safety Partnership Committee as well as for vacant seats on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's).

Integration Supports with the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Accommodation Centre Visits	9
Group Information Clinics Held	3
Individuals supported	79

Throughout October, 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.

- LAIT, in collaboration with Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Healthy Limerick, hosted the first National Integration, Health and Wellbeing Conference on 14 and 15 October. The two-day event focused on the key themes of "Integration and Inclusion" from a local government perspective, and "Migrant Health and Wellbeing." The conference featured contributions from a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Midwest Simon, the Local Government Management Agency, Limerick City Partnership, Ballyhoura Development, West Limerick Resources, DORAS, Mary Immaculate College, the Jesuit Refugee Centre, and others.
- LAIT visited seven migrant accommodation centres, providing direct support and information to residents. The team also facilitated three group information clinics and conducted 16 one-to-one individual consultations, offering tailored guidance on services, rights, and opportunities in Ireland.

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- LAIT has launched a weekly English Conversation Club for residents of the Fernbank Accommodation Centre, providing newly arrived Ukrainians with a safe and welcoming space to practice English and build confidence through informal conversation.

- Four immigration procedures advice clinics were held by LAIT in collaboration with DORAS.

Age Friendly

Older Persons Executive trip to Killarney

On Thursday, 16th October, members of Limerick's Older People's Executive, accompanied by the Age Friendly Limerick Programme Manager, enjoyed a scenic trip to Killarney via the Limerick–Killarney Expressway service. The outing was kindly organised by the Programme Manager in collaboration with Marie King from Bus Éireann.

Lifelong Learning Limerick

A member of the team attended the Learning Limerick, Learning Ambassadors seminar on the 23 October.

2025 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards

The National Age Friendly awards took place in the Galmont Hotel and Spa on the 23rd of October. Limerick Library's Digital Tablet Lending project with Vodafone Foundation, was shortlisted for an award under the Age Friendly Communications category. Unfortunately, the project was not a winner on the night. It was a proud moment to see all the dedication and effort behind the project acknowledged on a national level.

Healthy Limerick

Breastfeeding Awareness Event

Healthy Ireland hosted a successful Breastfeeding Week event on 07 October at King John's Castle, with over 25 mothers and babies in attendance. The gathering celebrated and promoted breastfeeding as part of National Breastfeeding Week.

National Integration, Health and Wellbeing Conference

Healthy Ireland, along with Slaintecare Healthy Communities and the Local Authority Integration team, coordinated and participated in Ireland's first National Conference on Integration, Health and Wellbeing, held at the Strand Hotel, Limerick over 14 and 15 October. The event was officially opened by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, with a keynote welcome from Minister Niall Collins (Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration). The Director General, Limerick City and County Council, delivered closing remarks on Day 1. The conference featured contributions from Department of Justice, Home affairs and Migration, and the Local Government Management Agency across both days as well as Limerick Sports Partnership, Midwest Simon, Limerick City Partnership, Ballyhoura Development, West Limerick Resources, DORAS, Mary Immaculate College, the Jesuit Refugee Centre, and others.

Food Mapping Initiative

A planning meeting was held with Limerick Food Partnership and Healthy Ireland to prepare for the launch of the Food Mapping initiative, scheduled for Quarter 1 2026.

Migrant Women's Health Engagement

Attended the Limerick City Partnership meeting focused on health supports for migrant women, including the Expecting Mothers Group.

Food Map Review

Participated in a review session of existing food maps with Limerick Food Partnership.

Céad Míle Fáilte Event

Attended the Céad Míle Fáilte event at the Clayton Hotel, which explored the introduction of Gaeilge to new communities.

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Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- Moderated and opened Day two of Ireland's first National Integration, Health and Wellbeing Conference at the Strand Hotel, Limerick, with contributions from Healthy Ireland, Sláintecare, and the Local Authority Integration Team.
- The fifth Migrant Women's Health and Wellbeing Event at the Clayton Hotel, focused on women education and community connection.
- Continued rollout of the Healthy Relationships Programme across Sláintecare areas, including Train-the-Trainer sessions for new youth and community workers.

IPB (Irish Public Bodies) Pride of Place:

On 21 October, in the Council Chamber, Corporate Headquarters, Limerick City and County Council, the Mayor of Limerick John Moran, received a visit from the four groups representing Limerick at this year's IPB Pride of Place Competition. The groups and respective categories are:

- Community Tourism Initiative – Foynes Flying Boat Museum
- Community Wellbeing Initiative – Glenbrohane Local Hub
- Population 1,000 – 2,000 – Templeglantine
- Urban Neighbourhood under 3000 – Thomondgate Residents Association

4. Rural Development

Limerick City and County Council has been awarded funding for two large-scale rural regeneration and development projects in Rathkeale and Kilmallock, under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF Category 2, 2025), Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG). The funding award was announced in October 2025. A grant of €346,480 is awarded for conservation and re-purposing of the former Bank of Ireland on Main Street Rathkeale, to bring the project to "shovel-ready" stage. This grant will fund a conservation-led integrated design team to fully develop the project design and bring it through the planning process. It will then seek funding for the capital works to restore and re-purpose the former bank as multi-functional space for co-location of enterprise, community and civic activities and services.

A grant of €886,176 was awarded to the historic Merchant's House building, a Medieval House, which has been long-term derelict and the site around the Merchant's House on Sarsfield Street, Kilmallock. The grant is to bring this large-scale project to "shovel-ready" stage including design, planning and other consents so that the project is ready for funding for capital works. The final project will conserve the heritage buildings, renovate and re-develop parts of the buildings and expand economic, community, civic, heritage and tourism-related activities on this site. The project will be delivered by Limerick City and County Council in collaboration with the Office of Public Works, which is responsible for the care of the Medieval House fronting onto Sarsfield Street, and the National Monument Service, the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, the Guardian/Owner of the heritage building. This is a transformative project for the revitalisation and development of Kilmallock town centre - one of Limerick's most important heritage towns.

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5. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

October Offer a Home (OAH) figures

Properties	October	To Date
Offered	0	253
Inspected	0	252
Allocated /People Housed	3 / 9	144 / 430
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	0	94
Not yet Ready	0	0
To be matched	0	0

6. Tourism

Tourism General

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

- Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Plan (2025 – 2030) and associated documents were published on the Limerick.ie website on 15 October.
- This Plan will now be in place until 2030, providing the guiding framework for the future development of tourism, within the remit of Limerick City and County Council.
- This plan is a roadmap built on creativity, sustainability, and collaboration to shape the future of tourism in Limerick city and county.
- At the heart of the Plan is the concept of 'ReThinking Tourism' - a commitment to telling the Limerick story in new and creative ways, building on Limerick's reputation for innovation, authenticity, and memorable experiences.
- The Plan introduces 'Project 10', a strategic roadmap comprising of ten key focus areas that will guide the development of tourism across the city and county.
- These projects will be delivered collaboratively across multiple Council directorates and with external partners, ensuring that tourism reflects the aspirations of both the local community and the wider industry.

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

- A review of Limerick City and County Council's 90-minute walking tour (which was available seven days a week in Limerick City between June and September 2025) was organised with the Limerick Civic Trust.
- Led by expert guides from the Limerick Civic Trust, this immersive experience took 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.
- This initiative provided visitors with a fantastic opportunity to explore the city and uncover its rich history with the tour providing centuries of stories and landmarks, thereby enabling tourists to discover how Limerick's unique quarters have evolved over time.

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 now 100% complete.

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- 360-degree imagery of the top locations and attractions in Limerick County were captured by Global VAM Ltd. as part of this project and has been reviewed and finalised by the Tourism Department.
- All material will be made available on the Limerick.ie website for viewing in due course.

Limerick and Clare Tourism Networking Event

- Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Department was delighted to co-organise the Limerick and Clare Regional Tourism Networking Event 2025 together with Fáilte Ireland, hosted at the Limerick Strand Hotel on 07 October.
- The event brought together over 80 passionate tourism professionals and businesses from across Limerick and Clare for a day of connection, collaboration, and inspiration. With more than 465 one-to-one meetings, it was a wonderful reminder of the power of networking - how a simple conversation can spark new ideas, build partnerships, and create opportunities that truly move our region forward.

12th European Greenways Awards 2025

- Limerick Greenway achieved international recognition after being awarded third prize in the Excellence category at the 12th European Greenways Awards ceremony, held between 08 – 10 October in Abanto-Zierbena, Basque Country, Spain.
- The awards celebrated outstanding greenway projects across Europe that promote sustainable tourism, active mobility, and community development, with Limerick Greenway being recognised for its transformative impact on rural regeneration, tourism, and wellbeing.

Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

- Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:
- A post on 01 October introduced Tea N' Tales as the Business of the Month. Each month Limerick Greenway will celebrate one local business that brings life, flavours and character to Limerick Greenway.
- Heading to Éigse Michael Harnett Literary and Arts Festival! A post on 03 October encouraged the public to come along to the festival and enjoy a scenic ride along Limerick Greenway.
- A post on 09 October welcomed back the People of Limerick Greenway series introducing Anne-Marie from Rathkeale House Hotel speaking about how much Limerick Greenway has helped their business and allowed people to fully explore all West Limerick.
- A post on 16 October celebrated Limerick Greenway being awarded 3rd place in the "Excellence" category at the 12th European Greenways Awards in Bilbao, Spain. Limerick Greenway was recognised for creating an amenity that engages and supports local communities while also supporting biodiversity conservation.
- The People of Limerick Greenway series was back, with a post on 21 October promoting Like Bikes and The Coffee Pot showcasing the friendly faces of Limerick Greenway.
- Halloween around the corner, Limerick Greenway takes on a spooky vibe, posts on 22, 23, 30 October highlighted all the wonderful history of Halloween in West Limerick and all the places you can see along Limerick Greenway during the Mid-Term Break.

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Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects

Barnagh Station House

- The Barnagh Station House restoration project is underway with construction ongoing throughout the month of October.
- The contract with Alan O'Connell Developments includes the full refurbishment of the building, platform, and public realm area.
- The station house will be set dressed and recreated as it was when the station master and his family lived there, featuring interpretations of railway history and heritage.

Limerick Greenway Hub at Ardagh

- The tender documents for this project were reviewed by the Capital Projects Team and comments have been returned to the Design Team (Healy Partner Architects) for finalisation during the month of October.

Limerick Greenway Hub at Newcastle West (NCW) Carpark

- Construction has commenced and progressed throughout the month.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 – 31 October

Facebook
Reach: 147.7k
Profile Visits: 894
New Page Followers: 43

Instagram
Reach: 18.4k
Profile Visits: 204
New Page Followers: 72

Social Media Ads
Accounts Reached: 138.5k
Post Engagements: 21,475
Link Clicks (to Website): 114

Google Ads
Clicks: 913
Impressions: 6,386

Festivals and Events

Halloween 2025

In 2025, the city and county of Limerick staged an expanded and ambitious Halloween celebration. The Festivals and Events Department worked with creative organisations and communities to deliver a month-long programme of activities blending folklore, fire-arts, storytelling and family fun. The programme included funding from Fáilte Ireland's "Ireland, Home of Halloween" Pilot Destination Scheme which enabled the scale of offering to increase. Highlight events included interactive theatrical experiences, fire shows, storytelling sessions steeped in Samhain tradition, a city-pumpkin patch and countryside hubs around the county.

The Limerick Home of Halloween programme featured the following:

- Magic and Mortality: Halloween at the Hunt Museum.
- Harvest Festival and Urban Pumpkin Patch at the Limerick Milk Market.
- Curious State Theatre's Morbid and Sons Street Performances at Little Catherine Street and Bedford Row.
- ROGU Arts LTD Mobius: Story of the Book of Fire at Lough Gur and Desmond Castle, Newcastle West.
- Nevsail's Night-time Kayaking Experiences.
- Halloween Carnival and Trick or Treat Trail at Wickham Way.
- Barnagh Halloween Festival.
- Halloween at Lough Gur.
- Ghoul Acting at Treaty City Brewery.
- Spooktastic 82nd birthday of Irish Coffee at Foynes Flying Boat Museum.
- Haunted House Tours by Limerick Civic Trust at The People's Museum.
- Samhain Tales by the Limerick Fireside at King John's Castle, Kilmallock Library, Desmond Castle Newcastle West, The People's Museum and The Hunt Museum.
- Halloween Screams at The Belltable.
- Newcastle West Halloween Festival.

The programme also featured the return of the gigantic 23-foot mythical figure Con Mór (a creation by Macnas) which appeared at King John's Castle in Limerick from 18 October and included five nights of illumination

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and entertainment. Families, thrill-seekers and folklore enthusiasts were invited to immerse themselves in the city's dark textures of myth, fire and creativity. The programme sought to reinforce Limerick's reputation as a cultural event destination rooted in a modern reinvention of the ancient Samhain tradition.

Another apex event as part of Halloween in Limerick was the Fire and Shadows Procession by Lumen Street Theatre. The procession transformed the medieval streets of Limerick into a spectacle of illuminated mythological beings, supernatural characters and theatrical fire-art. The theme Some bones won't stay buried referenced the legendary figure of Patrick Sarsfield, portrayed as the 'Bonelord' astride his skeletal steed, leading the parade through the city centre. The route included the medieval quarter of Limerick: starting around King John's Castle/ Convent Street, via Bridge Street and Patrick Street, across quays and culminating at Merchant's Quay/ Potato Market where a dramatic fire-show presentation took place. This event invited the public to dress up in costume and embrace the ancient Samhain atmosphere. Thousands of spectators lined the route, drawn by the spectacle of lanterns, fire-actors and a blending of folklore, performance and community spirit.

Other highlight events as part of Halloween in Limerick included the very popular Scare Factory, Castleconnell Halloween Frightfest, Curraghchase Pumpkin Patch, Liskennett Halloween Farm and Witch Hattie O'Goodspell's House at the Jetland Shopping Centre, Headless Horseman of Rathkeale Parade and Woodlands Pumpkin Patch.

Halloween in Limerick Marketing Campaign

- Press release was circulated from the Communications Department to highlight the launch and a follow up PR was issued on the 14 October to keep the momentum building towards key programming events.
- Web Content went live with the full list of programming events scheduled to take place over the five–week campaign.
- The launch was supported with tangible collateral – maps and tent cards that were distributed to pubs, hotels, visitor attractions and libraries across the city and county.
- A competition ran in conjunction with the Absolute Hotel to drive traffic to our dedicated "HalloweenInLimerick" social media channels.
- Radio advertising campaign rolled out across local and national stations – Live 95, Spin South West, Beat, Today FM and 98fm to amplify the messaging that Limerick was going big for Halloween this year. Come to Limerick – the Home of Halloween!
- Feedback on Halloween in Limerick campaign has been very positive, the depth of programming this year was enhanced, and the public have bought into this, with a lot of events that were sold out, demonstrating a strong appetite for families in particular to embrace Halloween in Limerick.
- The Festivals and Events team also hosted two influencers on behalf of Fáilte Ireland, bringing them around Limerick to Halloween-themed events to give them a flavour of Halloween in Limerick and the Home of Halloween in Limerick 2025 programme. Feedback from both influencers was very positive and the hope is that this will translate to positive exposure for Limerick when they post about their experiences. One of the influencers (Kelly Prince Wright) has a following of 1.3 million followers on Instagram alone, so it this was a fantastic opportunity to showcase Limerick to her and tap into her audience of international followers.

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Christmas in Limerick 2025

- The theme for this year's campaign is Together for Christmas in Limerick, this will be woven into all content, Press Releases, Digital Guide, Social Media posts, Competitions, etc.

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

Bualadh Bos Children's Festival

The 11th Bualadh Bos Children's Festival took place from 01 to 11 October at the Lime Tree Theatre and Belltable, plus schools, libraries and community venues across Limerick. The Bualadh Bos Children's Festival is an annual arts festival in Limerick for young audiences, featuring professional theatre, dance, music, and workshops. It is the only festival of its kind in the mid-west and aims to make world-class arts accessible to all children and families in the city and county. The festival also included community collaborations, school programmes, and initiatives like the Pay It Forward campaign to ensure wider participation.

Some highlights of this year's festival were:

- Revisiting the Banshee – new film project by artists Michael Fortune and Aileen Lambert featuring stories told by children from Limerick schools.
- Shimmer – immersive theatre piece for very young audiences by Anna Newell Theatre Adventures.
- Leaves – show by Branar about an old oak tree and a young sapling.
- The Little Prince – adaptation for children and families by The Egg (UK).

Ballyhoura Walking Festival and Joyce Brothers Music Festival

The 29th Ballyhoura Walking Festival and Joyce Brothers Music Festival, the longest-established Walking Festival in Ireland, ran from 02 to 05 October. For the fifth consecutive year the walking festival was held in tandem with the Joyce Brothers Music Festival, which brings a strong cultural and music dimension alongside the outdoor activity. The combined event emphasises nature, outdoor exploration, heritage, community, music and local culture.

The 2025 programme was diverse – catering for seasoned walkers, families and those looking for gentler experiences. Some highlights included:

- The Sunrise to Sunset Ballyhoura Challenge: over 42km, 12+ hours, 1,500m+ elevation gain.
- Early-morning Dawn Chorus Sunrise Walk to Seefin to the summit of Seefin.
- Moonlight Walk on Saturday evening for atmospheric forest and historic-site exploration.
- Yoga Walk, Alpaca Walks and Farm Activities.
- Guided heritage and landscape walks: e.g, medieval town of Kilmallock, Lough Gur tours, the Annes Grove Gardens and Doneraile Park.
- Opening Gala Night of the Joyce Brothers festival.
- Traditional concerts, workshops (instrument master-classes, singing, sean-nós dancing), pub sessions, heritage walks connected to the Joyce Brothers legacy.
- Intercultural Food Fair in the town of Kilfinane: local-resident participation, global flavours.
- Bug Safari for families at Griston Bog and other nature-based family activities.

Cook Medical Mini Marathon

The 2025 Cook Medical Mini Marathon took place on 05 October at the University of Limerick, attracting over 3,500 participants for the 5km and 10km races. The event featured participants of all ages and abilities, raising over €60,000 for local and national charities through participants' chosen charities via the Give2you platform. Dymphna Ryan was a notable winner, finishing first in the 10km women's race and Karl Fitzmaurice won the overall 10km race with a time of 31:28. Notable individual fundraisers included Megan O'Donnell (€3,179.94 for the Irish Lung Fibrosis Association) and Rebecca Moynihan (€2,366.00) for Milford Care Centre. The Festivals and Events Department proudly sponsor the Mini Marathon.

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Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School

The 4th Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School, an annual event held in Bruff and its surrounding area, took place from 24 – 26 October. This year is the 30th anniversary of the death of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy (mother of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy). Inspired by the local roots of the Fitzgerald-Kennedy family, the school explores the life of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy and the broader history of Irish-American emigration, with a special focus on women's experiences. The three-day event features discussions, talks, music, and cultural events at locations like the Thomas Fitzgerald Centre and Lough Gur. Some of the key events from the 2025 Festival included talks from speakers including Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and American historian Barbara Perry with host Marty Morrissey and a session on the impact of America on Irish female identity, a session on the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, a Fitzgerald Community Breakfast in the Honey Fitz Theatre, an arts exhibition, a local folklore project at Lough Gur on the Magic of Lough Gur including a parade led by the City of Limerick Marching Band, and a concert. The event concluded with a concert in the Thomas Fitzgerald Centre on Sunday evening, featuring the Bruff Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, and closing remarks by the school director, Declan Hehir.

Irish Open Draughts Championship

The Irish Open Draughts Championship was held at the Great National South Court Hotel in Limerick City from 25 to 27 October. The Three-Move restriction tournament was played over eight rounds, with three sections, Masters, Seniors and Intermediates. The tournament was officially opened on Saturday morning by the Minister of State for Older People and Housing, Limerick's Kieran O'Donnell TD. The overall winner was Nadiya Chyzhevska, Restricted Three-move Women's World Champion 2024. The Festivals and Events Department proudly sponsored the Irish Open Draughts Championship 2025.

EVA International

The 41st EVA International, which ran from 29 August to 26 October 2025, in Limerick, was titled "It Takes a Village" and explored themes of social justice, state and government, and the environment through exhibitions at thirteen venues across the city. Curated by Eszter Szakács, the biennial featured new commissions and existing works by Irish and international artists, focusing on topics like anti-colonialism, the climate crisis, and communal alternatives for property and economy.

Key themes and focus were:

- Social justice and political issues: The biennial engaged with themes of state and government, Palestine, Europe, war, and conflict.
- Environmental concerns: Several works addressed the climate crisis, land, and the interconnectedness of humans and non-humans.
- Community and alternatives: The program explored collaborative partnerships and communal alternatives for the economy and property.

Programme highlights included:

- Guest Programme: Titled It Takes a Village, this was a central part of the exhibition, featuring artists like Marwa Arsanios, Ana Bravo Pérez, Yazan Khalili, and Anikó Loránt.
- New commissions: The event included new works commissioned by EVA International, along with existing pieces from acclaimed artists.
- Irish and international artists: A significant portion of the participating artists were from Ireland.
- EVA Platform Commissions: These commissions focused on artists' developing practices, with recipients like Olivia Normile receiving support for their work.

This edition marked the implementation of EVA's new Strategic Plan (2025-2030), prioritizing national and international engagement, local impact, and organizational sustainability.

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7. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Industry Event – Linz Learning Journey

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Discover Limerick DAC and General Manager, King John's Castle attended an International Learning Journey to Linz, Austria. Supported by Failte Ireland the objective of the trip was to strengthen the leadership and creative direction of King John's Castle by investing in the professional development of its management team.

Linz has been identified as a city with notable similarities to Limerick–both are riverside cities with rich medieval heritage, strong cultural identities, and a growing focus on creative placemaking and experiential tourism.

This learning journey exposed the management team to internationally recognised models of visitor experience, with a particular emphasis on animation, storytelling, and immersive heritage interpretation. By engaging with best-in-class attractions and cultural institutions in Linz, the team gained valuable insights into how similar cities have successfully activated historic spaces, increased footfall, and attracted family audiences through innovative programming and performance.

The ultimate goal is to inspire and equip the King John's Castle team to elevate the site's animation offering, optimise the use of its courtyard and medieval architecture, and lead the development of a more engaging, high-quality visitor experience that reflects international best practice.

Industry Event – Avea Conference

On 13 and 14 October the CEO, Commercial Manager, and Sales and Business Development Manager from Discover Limerick DAC, along with the General Manager of King John's Castle and Acting Manager of Adare Heritage Centre, attended the two-day Association of Visitor Experiences and Attractions (AVEA) Conference in Waterford.

The annual event gathered over 220 leaders from across Ireland's tourism and hospitality sectors to spotlight the country's thriving visitor economy and the vital role attractions play in shaping Ireland's tourism offering.

The 2025 conference theme, "Ireland's Tourism Mosaic of Amazing Spaces," explored how innovation, leadership, and sustainability are driving industry transformation. Across the two days, the team participated in keynote sessions, panel discussions, and learning journeys at leading Waterford attractions, including Mount Congreve Estate and the House of Waterford Crystal. Dedicated networking events provided valuable opportunities to strengthen collaboration and share best practices across the sector.

Industry Event - Irish Tourism Industry Confederation Conference

The annual conference of the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation (ITIC) took place on 01 October in the five-star Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny in Ireland's Ancient East and was attended by the Finance and Commercial Manager of Discover Limerick DAC. The flagship tourism conference of the year had the theme "Resilience in an uncertain world" and looked at how tourism can prosper in these challenging times. The day featured a variety of host speakers including the Minister for Enterprise Tourism and Employment and various panel discussions.

Industry Event Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) Failte Ireland Business to Business (B2B) Leisure and Luxury Roadshow

On 16 October the Sales and Business Development Manager represented Discover Limerick DAC at the Fáilte Ireland B2B Leisure and Luxury Workshop at the Rose Hotel, Tralee.

This event brought together 40 accommodation providers and leading tour operators from across the Wild Atlantic Way. It provided a key platform for tourism businesses to connect directly with luxury and leisure travel buyers, fostering valuable face-to-face connections and opening doors to new business opportunities.

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The workshops form part of Fáilte Ireland's strategy to build commercially sustainable partnerships and secure bookings for the 2026 travel season and beyond, ensuring long-term growth across Ireland's tourism sector.

Familiarisation Trip – King John's Castle

On 17 October Discover Limerick DAC was delighted to host AC Group/Avanti Destinations for a familiarisation visit to King John's Castle. Guests enjoyed a guided tour of the historic attraction, gaining valuable insights into one of Limerick's most iconic visitor experiences. This visit strengthened relationships with key international partners and showcased the unique heritage offering of Limerick City.

Clare Limerick Network Event

The CEO, Sales and Business Development Manager, and General Manager of King John's Castle attended the Fáilte Ireland Industry Networking Event at the Strand Hotel, Limerick.

Organised by Fáilte Ireland in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, the event brought together over 100 tourism businesses from Clare and Limerick to foster collaboration and joint promotion of the region. This marked the third annual Clare–Limerick networking event and the first to be hosted in Limerick, which was proudly supported by Limerick City and County Council.

Key presentations included an update from Margaret Jenkins, Wild Atlantic Way Manager, on upcoming Fáilte Ireland initiatives, and a keynote from travel content creator and broadcaster Roz Purcell, who shared insights on leveraging digital storytelling to promote sustainable tourism and boost social media engagement. Travel content creator and broadcaster Roz Purcell shared insights into how local businesses can use content to promote sustainable tourism. She shared tips on boosting social media engagement and real-life examples of how local storytelling and community involvement play a central role in shaping authentic travel experiences and set destinations apart.

The event provided a valuable platform for networking, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing, reinforcing the region's commitment to developing authentic and sustainable visitor experiences.

Media Visits

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote Discover Limerick DAC, we were delighted to welcome several media influencers and journalists throughout October.

On 10 October, travel influencer Kevin Penrose visited King John's Castle and Lough Gur Visitor Centre. Kevin, who has a passion for exploring Ireland, boasts a combined following of over 300,000 on Instagram (@kevin_penrose_) and TikTok (@kevinpenrose_).

On 11 October, we welcomed Kate Stafford, journalist with The Irish Sun, to King John's Castle as part of the Fáilte Ireland "Keep Discovering" Campaign.

On 26 October, two influencers visited Con Mór at King John's Castle – Brinsley McNamara of Weird Ireland (@brinsleymcnamara) and Kelly Prince-Wright (@kellyprincewright), a leading UK travel blogger with over 1.2 million Instagram followers. Their visit, in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland, aimed to capture the spirit of Con Mór as part of Ireland's Home of Halloween at King John's Castle.

Halloween King Johns Castle

One of the key highlights of Halloween in Limerick was Macnas creation Con Mór, supported by Limerick City and County Council and Ireland Home of Halloween.

The towering mythical figure which stood at over 23 feet tall came alive in the courtyard of King John's Castle on selected nights, 18, 19, 26 October in a spectacular display of sound, light, and smoke, transforming the medieval courtyard into a realm of myth and magic.

King John's Castle hosted a spooktacular Halloween line-up for families of all ages. From traditional Irish storytelling by the fireside to larger-than-life spectacles, pumpkin painting, and creative workshops, there was something enchanting for everyone.

The midterm family friendly activities included a 'Legends in Print' Halloween Printmaking Workshop and a 'Legends in Disguise' Mask-Making Workshop, which were a popular choice for families and welcomed positive feedback from participants.

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Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School in Lough Gur

'The Magic of Lough Gur' took place at the lakefront, featuring a performance by the City of Limerick Pipe Band as part of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Autumn School on 25 October.

The Autumn School also hosted on the same day the launch of the Local Folklore Project at the Lough Gur Visitor Centre, which gathers recollections of the area's rich historical and folkloric heritage.

Halloween Lough Gur Visitor Centre

On 25 October, Lough Gur set the stage for a spine-tingling séance, brought to life through a captivating forty-minute performance. Later that evening, the excitement continued as ROGU, one of Ireland's leading fire performance companies, illuminated the night with a spectacular fire show – a breathtaking fusion of flame, light, and extraordinary skill.

Throughout the Halloween week, Lough Gur was a hub of activity, hosting a series of sold-out family events. These included children's art workshops, a scavenger hunt, and storytelling sessions featuring a traditional seanchaí. Adults were also treated to an evening of storytelling with Brian Collopy, which received excellent feedback and contributed to the overall success of the programme.

Dolans Live at The Castle

This month, Dolans, in collaboration with King John's Castle, announced an exciting line-up of performances for the Live at The Castle summer concert series. The iconic Human League, joined by Cry Before Dawn, will bring their legendary synth-pop sound to the historic venue.

In addition, a new family-oriented concert, K-POP Superslayers, has been added to the line-up, reflecting a strategic move to broaden audience appeal and engage younger music fans.

Christmas Live at The Castle Suite

King John's Castle launched its Christmas events 'Live at The Castle Suite' in collaboration with Dolans and proudly supported by Limerick City and County Council. The campaign showcases a rich and varied festive programme designed to position the Castle as a leading cultural destination throughout the holiday season.

Central to the campaign is the unveiling of the Castle Suite, a newly developed intimate performance space overlooking the courtyard and River Shannon. The venue will host 'Castle Suite Sessions', featuring acclaimed Irish artists Paddy Casey, Mundy, and Jerry Fish, each performing to enthusiastic audiences and contributing to the Castle's growing reputation for high-quality live events.

Family audiences were at the heart of the programme with "Merry Mayhem", a brand-new children's Christmas production written and directed by Limerick's Margaret Hough. The interactive show, where Mrs. Claus goes missing just before Christmas, combining music, humour, and audience participation.

Rounding out the festive offering is 'Opera and Carols' with the Limerick Opera Workshop brought an elegant close to the season, blending classical performance with timeless Christmas favourites.

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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

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Economic Regeneration

Outreach to Employment meetings were held with internal and external stakeholders, community partners and businesses to advance employment initiatives.

Social Regeneration

Economic and Social Intervention Fund

The Economic and Social Intervention Fund call closed on 08 October. In total, 122 applications, for a variety of projects, were received across the five themes: Community; Education and Learning; Health, Wellbeing, and Ageing Well; Families and Youth at Risk; Employability and Work.

Community Activities

King's Island

- The King's Island Community Centre continues to host a popular weekly dinner service, for members of the community. This is held each Sunday and supported by volunteers.
- The Pumpkin Patch returned to King's Island Community Centre on 28 October. This was a fun afternoon for young and old. In a well-attended event, the carving of pumpkins brought out the creative side of the community. This was a free event, with support from SláinteCare, Limerick Island Community Partners (LICP), St. Mary's National School and Limerick City Area Partnership.
- Community quilting classes commenced in the area, in partnership with St. Mary's Adult Education.

Moyross

- The Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) held the annual Halloween outing for 'Our Friends and Neighbours Club', on 29 October.
- Moyross Sport and Physical Activity Hub hosted the Limerick Ageing Well Week which took place on 10 October.
- Coffee morning in aid of Irish Cancer society took place on 30 October in MCEC.
- Irish Rail were on site from Mid-October to carry out civil works for the proposed train station in Moyross.
- The Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) co-ordinated the delivery of a suite of programmes. These included Good2Go, MoyFit, Ageless Strength and Breathe Well. These classes, primarily held at MCEC, are accessible to both the local and wider community.

Southill

- Southill Family Resource Centre (FRC) along with other FRC's in the Mid-West region took part in the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2025 facilitated by Community Work Ireland, more than 60 people gathered to share ideas and explored barriers and how to improve Community Work.
- Tait House hosted visits and meetings with the Southside Women's Group, who were subsequently honoured with a civic reception for their work in the local community.
- Southill Forum was held, which Tait House participated in during October. This is the new structure that enables the local community to engage with Limerick City and County Council and other statutory agencies operating in the Southill area.

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- The Halloween Pumpkin Patch event was held on the grounds of Tait House for children and families from the Southill community.

Ballinacurra Weston

- A member of the Community Companions at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) took part in a live podcast at The Prevention and Early Intervention Network (PEIN) Summit, sharing his lived experience and his journey to becoming a Companion in OLOL. His contribution was very well received and highlighted the value of local voice and leadership in community work.

- The Companions also visited St. Finbarr's Cathedral in Cork, with 20 residents from the Ballinacurra Weston area also making the trip. This was a simple but meaningful outing that brought people together.

- Across the Early Years and After Schools services, 163 children and families attended the Woodlands Hotel Pumpkin Patch. It was a well-organised, enjoyable day that marked the season and supported family connection in the community.

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 3 and 5 at Churchfield (Phase 2) continued and are progressing towards handover.

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 October.

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128/129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.

- Contractor appointment in progress for Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill/ Ballinacurra Weston) and 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park/Moyross).

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) - two houses achieved Substantial Completion in October.

Minor Refurbishments

- Works complete on the following properties during October:
  - 6 Crecora Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston
- Works continued on the following properties during October:
  - 56 Delmege Park
  - 108 and 110 Cliona Park, Moyross
  - 2 Galtee View, O'Malley Park, Southill
- Scoping continued on four properties in St. Mary's Park:
  - 2 Oliver Plunkett Street
  - 3 Columcille Street
  - 116 Oliver Plunkett Street
  - 3 St. Bridget's Avenue
- Approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, for the following property:
  - 43 Whitecross Gardens, Moyross.

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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) continued works, including new boundary and foul sewer diversion.

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Limerick LSP hosted the Audit assessment delegation from Global Active Cities for three days in Limerick. The visit involved meetings and interviews with key stakeholders and partners under the Active Systems Pillar of the Global Action Plan for Physical Activity. Key partners from Limerick City and County Council, Health Service Executive (HSE), University of Limerick (UL) Physical Education and Sport Sciences (PESS) Department, Limerick City Partnership and area-based organisations were interviewed around the level of collaboration, investment and development to facilitate sport and physical activity opportunities for all.

- Limerick LSP were successful in securing €20,000 under the National Outdoor Swimming Grant scheme. The application was prepared in collaboration with the Swimming groups in Kilteery Pier and Glin Pier. Funding will support an upgrade of changing facilities, access railings, signage and ladders.

- The LSP hosted the Sports Ability Day at University of Limerick on 17 October. This day saw youngsters of all ages and abilities enjoy a plethora of different sports on the indoor courts in U.L. More than 250 participants enjoyed the day with Para-Cycling, Triathlon Ireland, Dance Limerick, Munster Rugby, Limerick GAA, Cricket, Tennis, Golf and other activities available to all.

- The Move Steady programme commenced at Moyross Community Enterprise Centre late in October and will run until December. This is aimed at balance, strength and Activator Walking, for those with balance and mobility concerns.

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

Council Sporting Facilities

Local Sports Plan Consultation

- Workshop with Elected Members on the draft Local Sports Plan was held on 08 October.

- Update to the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee was held on 15 October.

- Tender advertised (restricted) for consultancy services to carry out a Strategic Environment Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of the draft Local Sports Plan 13 October. Tenders were returned on 17 October.

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The Limerick Regional Athletics Hub has 118 individual users during the month.

- There were 26 more individual sign-ups to the SportsKey platform which is compulsory in order to book and use the track.

- West Limerick Athletics Club (A.C.) and St. Mary's A.C. continued their training for both adults and juvenile members.

- Coláiste Iósaef Kilmallock, St. Ita's Association Football Club (AFC) and Feohanagh-Castlemahon Ladies Football Club used the venue for fitness training for their classes/teams.

Rathbane Golf Course

- Junior Golf Classic was held on 10 to 12 October.

- Rathbane Golf Course featured on Nationwide: Ryder Cup Special on RTÉ 01 October.

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Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Martins Construction Ltd continued the upgrade works with completion of the Health Suite works. This project is co-funded by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sports through a Sports Capital Grant in the amount of €500,000.

- Martins Construction Ltd continued to advance the upgrade works to the resource. They completed replacement of the jacuzzi and upgrade of the health suite along with external works.

Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Park Soccer Playing Pitch – Tenders continued to be assessed.

- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Preparation of tender documents continued.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- Final preparations are ongoing for the re-opening of the complex. Final commissioning and aesthetic works continued throughout the month. Swim Ireland, the appointed operator, received training on the new mechanical and electrical (M&E) equipment and building systems.

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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,806
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	504

Closed Housing Applications

	October	Year to Date
Closed Applications	232	749

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 October	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	1	37
Newcastle West	2	26
Metropolitan District	19	190
Cappamore-Kilmallock	4	37
Total	**26**	**290**

Refusals

	No. of Units October	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	1
Newcastle West	0	4
Metropolitan District	1	33
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2	9
Total	**3**	**47**

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
234	141	56	37

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	569
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	651
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	1
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	5

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,745 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	17
No. of Amendments	376
No. of Cessations	42

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€22,268,179	€30,918,576	€19,272,757	€11,645,819	63%

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Home Improvement Schemes

October 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	7	0	**7**
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€51,085.00	€6,000.00	**€57,085.00**
	No. Paid	0	0	10	1	**11**
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	0	14	7	0	**21**
	HAG Expenditure	€5,338.50	€44,354.58	€72,381.85	€45,508.37	**€167,583.30**
	No. Paid	1	6	9	5	**21**
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	2	10	11	0	**23**
	HOP Expenditure	€5,200.00	€64,120.00	€107,449.33	€99,725.00	**€276,494.33**
	No. Paid	2	8	19	13	**42**
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€16,558.52	€9,510.55	€78,814.62	€66,713.00	**€171,596.69**
	No. Paid	2	1	5	6	**14**

Total No. Approved	**51**
Total Monies Paid	**€672,759.32**
Total No. Paid	**88**

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

Jan-Oct 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	8	6	56	5	**75**
	MAG Expenditure	€38,635.75	€14,194.11	€194,094.94	€24,850.00	**€271,774.80**
	No. Paid	9	4	40	6	**59**
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	33	66	115	26	**240**
	HAG Expenditure	€252,770.99	€338,115.73	€1,348,925.51	€233,571.30	**€2,173,383.53**
	No. Paid	28	44	142	31	**245**
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	55	104	121	47	**327**
	HOP Expenditure	€421,796.25	€619,453.22	€965,351.40	€485,839.13	**€2,492,440.00**
	No. Paid	84	108	236	84	**512**
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€16,558.52	€9,510.55	€336,084.10	€66,713.00	**€428,866.17**
	No. Paid	2	1	19	6	**28**

YTD Total No. Approved	**642**
YTD Total Monies Paid	**€5,366,464.50**
YTD Total No. Paid	**844**

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	October	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	29	275

House Visits

	October	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	160	1,819

Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	October	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	295	295
Cases closed during month	61	487

Repossessions

	October	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	9	97

Garda Checks

	October	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	92	978

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

Date: 13.10.25		
Individuals		
Location	**Description**	**Beds Used**
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	31
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	69
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	24
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	85
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	17
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
Total		**244**

Families				
Location	**Description**	**Beds Used**		
		Adults	**Children**	**Families**
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	5	9	5
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	196	207	129
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	19	10
Totals		**Adults**	**Children**	**Families**
		212	**235**	**144**

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	October	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	1	26
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	0	10
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	5	70
Loan Applications: No. approved	3	21
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	10	145
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	3	28
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	0	18
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	1	46
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	11	157
Title Rectifications Received	1	7
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	194	2,832

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	2
Ombudsman Query Cases	1
Data Access Requests	2

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered October	2
Year to Date	26

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

Traveller Community Sustainment	October	YTD
Number of Inspections	74	391
Number of Tenancy Inductions	-	11
Number of active cases at end of month	42	98
Cases Closed	**23**	**48**

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits October	22
Year to Date	172

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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns October	
Total	**14**

House Returns October By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	0
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2
Newcastle West	1
Metropolitan District	11
Total	**14**

During October, the Local Authority Housing Construction team were notified of zero properties returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, two properties in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, one properties in the Municipal District of Newcastle West, and 11 properties in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in October	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	4	16
Major Refurbishments	2	70
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	3	66
Major Refurbishments	0	15
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	28
Minor Refurbishments	0	7
Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU)		
Minor Refurbishments	0	4
Major Refurbishments	0	1
Total	**9**	**207**
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	1	15

In October, works on six properties were completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, works on three properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team.

There are four teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of October, the Local Authority Construction team is in the process of completing works on 85 properties, Local Authority Maintenance are working on 81 properties, and the Regeneration Team are working on 35 properties, and the Traveller Accommodation Unit team are working on five properties.

Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 15 properties.

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Project Updates

- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works for property on Castleview Terrace, Clancy Strand.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works for properties in Raheen Gardens, West Singland in Garryowen and Castlepark in Caherconlish.
- Contractors currently working on 10 refurbishment projects in Limerick City and County.
- Tender process in place for appointment of Contractor for construction of 24 units in Barnakyle, Patrickswell.
- Assessments taking place for construction of four Units in Mountcollins.
- Final stages of construction taking place for construction of 10 units in Kilfinane.
- Blockwork 70% complete for construction of nine units in Ballylanders.
- Preparation of tender for Design Stage in progress for units in Riverfield Estate and Oakley Lawn Caherconlish.
- Preparation of tender drawings in place for Part 8 report for units at Scout Hall Kennedy Park.
- Final stages of construction taking place for construction of seven units on Clare Street.
- Contractor on site for construction of 10 Units at O' Connor Park in Ardagh.

Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €1,245,896 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €2,041,407 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during October

Housing Maintenance Cases – October	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.10.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	928	989	1,026
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	117	154	386
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	145	386	397
Municipal District of Newcastle West	141	124	533
TOTAL	**1,331**	**1,653**	**2,342**

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Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	5	0	5	10
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	13	0	15	28
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	7	0	13	20
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	2	2	5
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	**0**	**26**	**2**	**35**	**63**

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

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	3	0	1	4
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	5	0	1	6
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	**0**	**12**	**0**	**5**	**17**

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

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	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	14	0	8	22
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	18	0	11	29
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	0	1	3
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	**0**	**34**	**0**	**20**	**54**

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

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	1	2
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	2	4
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	2	4
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	**0**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**10**

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House Inspections Unit

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - October - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	14
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	0
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	**14**
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	7

Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects – October	
1	Painting and Gutter Cleaning of 6 to 11 Aherlow View, Galbally (including Wixted's Old Public House, The Square, Galbally).
2	Painting and Gutter Cleaning of The Forge Apartments, Hospital, Co. Limerick.
3	External Cleaning Works to Sarsfield Park Apartments, Lord Edward Street, Limerick.
4	Fire Remedial Works in Oak Lodge, Clare Street, Limerick.
5	Painting and Gutter Cleaning of Watergate Apartments, Limerick City.

Defective Blockwork Scheme Applications

Applications Registered October	2
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) October	5
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	0
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	3
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	**26**

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4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.10.2025 is as follows:

As at 31.10.2025 (01.01.2025 – 31.10.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	"Housing for All" 2025 Delivery Target
Build	37	227	264	551
Buy *	10	22	32	€15m (Funding allocation)
Lease	17	12	29	10
TOTAL	**64**	**261**	**325**	

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

Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in October	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)	20	103
Proposals being reviewed	0	0
Sale Agreed	1	18
Purchase Completed	3	157
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	6	586
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	56
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	4	69
Grand Total	**34**	**989**

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Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

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

Affordable Housing Fund	Approval for funding for Developer Advance Purchase of 36 affordable purchase units at Ballykeeffe, Limerick in partnership with Arresico Raheen Ltd.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Affordable Housing Fund	Approval for funding for Developer Advance Purchase of 10 units at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick in partnership with Monaleen 2D Estates Limited.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Approval for the delivery of one Turnkey unit at Garryowen, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Approval for the delivery of seven Turnkey units at Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Approval for the delivery of seven Turnkey units at Caherconlish, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 3 approval for the delivery of 10 Construction units at Glin, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Approval for the delivery of one Turnkey unit at Kennedy Park, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Approval for the delivery of one Turnkey unit at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	Municipal District of Newcastle West

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

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the delivery of seven Turnkey units at Caherconlish, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

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Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in October
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Pre-consultation feedback to the planning pack from other Limerick City and County Council departments has now been incorporated into the planning pack. This pack was finalised in October.
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. Finance and procurement strategy ongoing.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	Coordination of new Councillor workshop ongoing.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Design being progressed toward Affordable Housing Fund application. Tender for Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment prepared.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Pre – consultation planning pack responses are under review and being actioned by design team. Additional acoustic survey completed and reports received. Road safety audit completed and responses incorporated. Final Environmental Impact Statement and Appropriate Assessment screening necessitated Natura Impact Statement Stage 2 report and therefore the project will now be a Part 10 project. Part 10 planning consultant tender was completed. The Fosse, Phase 1, Local Authority Water Sustainable Urban Drainage System project continued on site. Archaeologists found possible significant 15th century nunnery building which requires further investigation for Fosse 2.0. Additional Mayoral funding was applied for and approved.
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment tender completed and updated Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment commenced. Work continued on the preplanning design. Planning pack advanced.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in October
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	23	Judicial review in progress. Project on hold.
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	Work continued on progressing this scheme during October. Contractor has been appointed.
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 during October. 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 during October. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Cluid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Rd	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during October.
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare/ Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during October with viability testing being carried out.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during October. Conditions survey tender was advanced.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Ballykeeffe	145	An Affordable Housing Fund application for Phase 1 of 36 units was submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and has now been approved.
	Municipal District of Adare/ Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Sruthán, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during October.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in October
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 October 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 October 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 during October.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick	10	An Affordable Housing Fund application was submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and has now been approved. Online application portal closed 13 October 2025. Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer commenced throughout October.
	SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held weekly and ongoing. Appointment of integrated design team being assessed during October. Memo to Mayor issued recommending sites to progress. The modular prototype experience event in Arthur's Quay was ongoing throughout October and closed on 31 October. A public engagement report is in preparation. Work on the provision of procurement and financial advice to deliver the programme continued during October.

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Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €7,855,760.79 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €7,888,338.35 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Conferences and Workshops

- Housing Strategy and Non-LA Housing Construction staff attended the Royal Institute of Architects 2025 Conference (on-line).

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

- New build tenant incremental purchase scheme re-launched at De Vere Court, John Carew Park due to a cancellation. One three-bedroom home available. Scheme live from 29 October.
- Radharc CillÍn, Kilfinane, two three-bedroom homes available under the New Build Tenant Incremental Purchase scheme. This was open to applications from 06 October to 24 October. Applications received are now being reviewed.

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Planning and Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Forward Planning

- Submission made on 'Public Consultation on National Territory Mapping for Renewable Electricity'.
- Planning and Development Act 2024 Training Strategy for the Local Authority held in Cork.
- Wind Energy Workshop held with the Elected Members.
- Paper prepared on Forward Planning and Regional Issues for the Mayor Consultative Forum.

Public Realm

- A call for Tender for services for a Multidisciplinary Consultancy Services team went live on eTenders, for the proposed refurbishment and new build work at No.35-39 Nicholas St. Limerick under the THRIVE project.
- Clarina/Ballybrown Public Realm public engagement event was held.
- Mayors report on Part 8 Nicholas Street public realm issued to Elected Members of the Metropolitan District.

Heritage

- The Heritage Officer worked with Newcastle West schools on the heritage programme.

Conservation

- Tenders received (via eTenders) for contractors to carry out repair and conservation works to the 1916 Memorial, Sarsfield Bridge.
- Contractor appointed to carry out works to the setting of Sarsfield Monument, Cathedral Place.
- Delivery of online conservation grant funding webinar as part of the Irish Architecture Foundation's 'New Life for Old Buildings' programme.
- The Built Heritage Lecture Series concluded, which involved lectures on the broad theme of the estuarine heritage of Limerick.
- The Historic Structures Fund 2026 has been launched and is now open for applications.

Archaeology

- Gave a presentation on Kilmallock's Visualising Heritage Project at the Irish Walled Town Conference in Kilkenny.
- Gave the 4th Built Heritage Lecture.
- Submitted final report 2024 on Ministerial Consent for Limerick City Walls Phase 1.
- Submitted Extension and Variation for Ministerial Consent for Limerick City Walls 2025 Phase 2.
- Submitted Ministerial Consent on behalf of Rapid Response for public realm works at King John's Castle.
- Judged Ancient section of Burial Ground Competition.
- Appointed Contractor for Galbally Church Conservation Works Phase 2, funded under the Community Monuments Fund.
- Appointed Contractor for Bruree Tower House, Bruree, Access and Interpretation works funded under the Community Monuments Fund.
- Assisted with Walks text for Kilmallock.
- Wrote and compiled Heritage Guide for Kilmallock for Heritage Guide Series in Archaeology Ireland.
- Dealt with 33 Planning files

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2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

Planning Applications

A total of 129 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	6
Housing Developments	2
Domestic Developments	81
Agricultural Developments	9
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	8
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	7
Other Developments	16

The current applications include proposals for:

10 year planning permission and 35-year operation life for a wind energy development consisting of six wind turbines with a tip height of 158meter (m), a rotor diameter of 136m and all associated foundations and hardstanding areas. A 38 kilovolt (KV) on-site substation compound containing a substation building. Upgrade of an existing farm entrance and access track off the L1219 to serve as a permanent site entrance for the wind farm when operational and all associated site development works, including drainage, diversion or undergrounding of low voltage powerlines and landscaping. This planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) which have been prepared in respect of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed development. This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) at the townlands of Ballynisky, Graigoor, Ballyegny More, Kilbradran, Ballysteen, Dunmoylan Carrons and Lisbane, Co. Limerick.

Construction of 31 dwelling houses at Anglers Walk, Rhebogue, Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the planning application.

Place-Making

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street

- Roof Repair Works and External Paint Works completed.

33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Public Spending Code Infrastructure Guidelines - Approval Gate 3 Post Tender Approval submission with Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Unit – awaiting feedback.

Croom Post Office Village Square Project

- Tender assessment got underway for painting and remedial works to the exterior of the building.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Public realm enhancement options developed for Market Alley with stakeholder meeting taking place on 21 October.
- Elected Members briefed on Market Alley proposals on 20 October.

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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

- Elected Members briefed on Limerick Laneways proposals as well as the Limerick Laneways Toolkit on 20 October. Toolkit issued to Elected Members on 22 October.

Greening Georgian Limerick

- Request for Quote issued for low level planters on 17 October with Tender Assessment currently ongoing.

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

CFRAMs Staff attended the Local Authority Forum in Mayo which included discussion on common project issues, presentation by the Office of Public Works (OPW) on National Programme Progress, a review of the Mayo schemes and a site visit to Crossmolina Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) which is under construction.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Landowner engagement continued and agreements being progressed
- Preparation of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation commenced
- Geotechnical Contractor provided programme of works
- Fee discussions continued around construction delivery options

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 21 October.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report being updated by consultant following comments from Limerick City and County Council.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 10 October.
- Options Development Workshops undertaken and Multi Criteria Analysis under review.
- Environmental Survey, Geotechnical and Invasive Treatment Contracts progressed.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Progress meeting held on 16 October.

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

Opera Square

Progress Update

Contract B – Sitewide Basement and Parcel 1

- The entire basement and Parcel 1 building were submitted for Building Control Amendment Regulations (BCAR) approval to Building Control, who have validated and approved the BCAR submission to the Building Control Management System (BCMS).
- Programme – The Parcel 1 building and entire basement reached Practical Completion on the 29 October.

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

- The tendering process is complete, with three submissions received and thoroughly evaluated. A preferred bidder has been chosen. The tender report has been sent to Limerick City and County Council, and notification letters have gone out to both successful and unsuccessful contractors. The contract award as of late October is currently on hold pending confirmation of funding from Limerick City and County Council.

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

- LTT are engaged with the Design Team and the preferred bidder with a view to mobilising and commencing construction works in the coming weeks in line with the Developer Agreement.

Project Media Engagement

Exhibitions at Opera Square

- Two exhibitions ran throughout October at One Opera Square. Ireland's Biennial: the 41st EVA International concluded on 26 October 2025 in the retail unit of One Opera Square. Meanwhile, the Limerick School of Art and Design Graphics exhibition remained installed on the building's exterior.

Opera Square Circular Economy Paper

- Keith Fahy, a doctorate researcher embedded on Opera Square for two years, published a paper in October highlighting LTT's sustainability achievements, 98% material diversion from landfill and major embodied carbon reduction, and confirming its status as a National Circular Economy Lighthouse Demonstrator.

Limerick Opera Festival Sponsorship

- Limerick Twenty Thirty continued its support of the Limerick Opera Festival through sponsorship of Bizet's Carmen, a landmark concert marking the opera's 150th anniversary. The event took place at University Concert Hall on 19 October with great success.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Progress Update

Phase 2 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

- The legal review of the Planning Pack has been completed following review by the Legal team.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been completed following review by the Legal team.
- Presentation of scheme given to Elected Members and public consultations held in October.
- Webpage of Limerick.ie website has been created.
- Submission of hard copy of application to An Coimisiún Pleanála by the end of October. Planning submissions to be made from November 2025 through to December 2025.
- Cost Plans and viability assessment are being updated to ensure latest designs are still viable to deliver.

Phase 3 - Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Cleeves Riverside Quarter (CRQ) City Campus

- LTT and TUS have re-engaged to progress Stage 2 design for City Campus.

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Other Activity

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vacancy

A strong, multi-channel campaign promoted the CEO vacancy across national and international platforms, including national and local newspapers, specialist recruitment sites, social media, LinkedIn Jobs, and PublicJobs.ie. Lansdowne Executive Search are leading the recruitment.

Theatre Royal Works

RTÉ shared a video featuring Limerick Twenty Thirty Chair James Collins, celebrating the reopening of the Theatre Royal after 30 years and the success of Connie, a play honouring Hollywood star Constance Smith. Limerick Twenty Thirty's led interim renovation works, to prepare the historic venue for audiences once again, and have taken a Licence from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) to host the show.

Italian Delegation Visit

Limerick Twenty Thirty and Treaty Stone Partnership hosted Maria Gabriella Caponi (Italian Honorary Consul), Furio Pietribiasi (President, Italian Irish Chamber of Commerce), and Nicola Faganello (Italian Ambassador to Ireland) at One Opera Square. The visit showcased the newly completed One Opera Square building.

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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

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

- There were 50,407 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAPSSC at the end of October.
- A weekly average of 130 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2025.
- The October landlord payment run was €51.11 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of October, was €3.025 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €130.61 million in differential rent to end of October.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of October was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 9,199 HAP debt reminder letters in October.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/10/25 – 31/10/25	86	80	166
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	81%	66%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	18%	31%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	1%	3%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications October	15	11	1	20	
Disability Access Certificate Applications October	14	8	0	16	
Licensing Applications October	10	9			
Commencement Notice October	59	47	5		52
Completion Certificate October	18	16	2		18
Planning Referrals October	20				26
Dynamics October	0 received				

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- Five Recruit Firefighters of Limerick City Fire Station completed eight weeks of training at the UK Fire Service College and have now returned to Limerick to complete their training.
- A new Recruit Firefighter from Cappamore Fire Station completed his Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Firefighting Skills course and has commenced work as a retained fire fighter.
- Two fire Firefighters attended a Fire Station Trainer course in Tullamore.
- Eight officers undertook a Confined Space Train the Trainer course with a view of rolling out the new training and Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) to crews in 2025.
- Firefighters have been attending the Health Service Executive (HSE) run Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).
- All retained Firefighters completed a one-day Hazardous Materials course in Kilmallock Fire Station.
- 10 firefighters completed a six-day Emergency First Responder (medical) training course in Rathkeale Fire Station.
- Nine firefighters took part in a two-day refresher for using the Bronto Aerial Appliance.
- Members of Limerick Fire Service attended a tabletop exercise testing the emergency response preparedness for Limerick Tunnel.
- Two senior officers successfully completed a Certificate in Leadership for Performance and Change through the South-East Technical University.

Civil Defence attendance at Events and Activities

The following activity took place:

Duties

- Medical cover at Student Race Day at Greyhound Stadium, Dock Road, Limerick.
- 75th Anniversary Commemoration of Civil Defence in Ireland, University College, Cork.
- Medical Cover at" Salesian Secondary College Tractor Run", Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.
- Medical Cover at "3for3 Bridges for Breast Cancer", Limerick City.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - September	October	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	11	5	16
Municipal Districts	9	0	9

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - September	October	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	52	8	60
Municipal Districts	40	3	43

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

In the month of October, the Climate Action Unit:

- **01 October:** The Climate Action Officer attended the online roadshow to outline the changes to Census 2027 delivered by the Central Statistics Office.
- **08 October:** The Climate Action Officer supported and attended the Local Enterprise Office's 'Going Green-Business Supports and Grants Information Breakfast', Adare Heritage Centre.
- **10 October:** The Climate Action Team presented to the NetZeroCities group visit from Tampere.
- **15 October:** As part of National Climate Action Week, the Climate Action Officer attended 'Not Stopping Now! For the Ocean' (online) hosted by An Taisce.
- **16 October:** The Climate Action Coordinator attended a consultation organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in respect of Renewable Energy Communities on behalf of The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment.
- **21 October:** Launch of Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme.
- **23 October:** The Climate Action Team attended and assisted at the Going for Gold 2025 Final held at the Castletroy Park Hotel.
- **30 October:** The Síolta Glasa Final Conference was held in the Absolute Hotel, which used creativity to empower communities to take climate actions by making carbon reduction activities relevant, actionable and relatable to peoples' lives and communities by bringing together community groups from across Limerick City and County, with creative partners.
- Tender for District Heating Feasibility Study has closed and assessment has taken place in the week of 27 October.

Preparation for ISO 50001 NSAI Re-certification Audit is ongoing.

The following events were held in the Citizen Innovation Lab:

- **04 October:** Sewing Workshop on - Repair, Repurpose and Recycling skills.
- **09/10 October:** Twin Cities Finland Team Visit – Tour of Fab Lab and co-design spaces.
- **17 October:** ISCycle Public Advisory Group Meeting – a project that examines how e-bikes can change transport behaviours to improve health and protect the environment.
- **18 October:** We hosted a Repair Café - which is a free electronic repair event and is open to the public on a first come, first serve basis.
- The Citizen Innovation Lab continued to host The School of Architecture University of Limerick (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	13
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	1
Number of horses seized	2

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Environment Regulation and Enforcement

(Commercial Waste, Air, Noise, Water and Public Health).

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	44
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	42
Inspections - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	10
Inspections – Annual Return Validations	0
Warnings issued (MS Dynamics)	2
Directions of Authorised Officer issued (MS Dynamics)	2
Statutory notices issued (MS Dynamics)	5
Statutory notices issued - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	10
Prosecutions initiated (MS Dynamics)	3
Fines issued (MS Dynamics)	3
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered (MS Dynamics and One Page Spreadsheet)	2
Fines issued (MS Dynamics)	
Cases received	132
Inspections undertaken	427
Warnings issued	2
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory notices issued	9
Prosecutions initiated	3
Fines issued	17

A Bulky Waste collection was carried out in targeted areas of the city identified as litter black spots. Householders could have up to four bulky waste items collected from their homes for a booking fee of 10 euros. The collection was available to householders in Ballinacurra Weston, Southill, St Marys Park, Moyross and Hyde Road.

Large scale clean ups were carried out under the Anti-Dumping Initiative at Roxboro Bring Bank, King John's Castle and in Caherdavin close to Lisheen Park.

Parks and Green Spaces

Projects progressed in October

Location	Description
Cappamore Playground	Redevelopment works are nearing completion
Askeaton Playground	Works have commenced to install an inclusive roundabout, inclusive trampoline and sensory play panels
Saint Patrick's Well Garryowen	The contractor is continuing to progress works on site

Dog Park Development has commenced at the following locations:

- Castletroy Park
- O'Brien Park
- Mayorstone Park
- Caherdavin Green

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Cemeteries

Projects progressed in October

Location	Description
Columbarium Wall Garden in Kilmurry Cemetery	The monumental sculptor is on site, foundation works have been completed and civil works are progressing
St. Peter and Paul's Graveyard, Crecora	Footpath and boundary wall replacement completed
St Joseph's Cemetery, Rathkeale	CCTV has been installed
Mahoonagh Graveyard, Castlemahon	Footpath and boundary wall replacement completed
Mount Saint Oliver Cemetery	Development of new burial section 17A

Cemetery Security Works were also completed at the following locations:

- Kilmurry Cemetery, Castletroy
- St. Joseph's Cemetery, Castleconnell
- St Nessan's, Cemetery, Mungret
- Bruree Cemetery, Bruree

2025 Burial Ground Awards:

The 16th annual Burial Ground Awards took place at The Millennium Centre in Caherconlish on 22 October. 25 groups shared in the prize fund of €21,000. The overall winner of the Modern Burial Ground category was Crecora New Burial Ground with Lismakeera Burial Ground being the overall winner of the Ancient category. Both of these groups took home a prize of €1,500 each.

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in October

Mount St. Lawrence	12
Mount St. Oliver	19
Castlemungret	17
Kilmurry	2

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	57	Farm Inspections of Farms in Flemingstown_010; Deel_070, Sheep _10 catchments
Farm Re-Inspections	8	Assessment prior to visiting farms
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Letters sent	54	Notification of Inspection and/or further information required
Closing Letter	9	Compliant letters from Inspection
Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) – Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/complaints	3	Water Pollution Complaints
Dynamics CRM – Number of Active Cases	2	Open cases in Dynamics CRM- Good Agriculture Practice and Non-Good Agriculture Practice cases
Dynamics CRM – Number of cases open longer than 30 days	2	Open cases in Dynamics CRM
Farm File Reviews	11	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Planning Files	12	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Forestry Files	2	Review of forestry applications and report to Forestry.
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	1	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations
Poultry Dockets	200	Dockets received and uploaded

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Noise

- Presented the Environment Section's approach to reviewing noise for planning applications relating to proposed new wind energy developments at a workshop for the elected members on 20 October.

- Limerick City and County Council has won a highly prestigious acoustics accolade at the John Connell Awards 2025 at Westminster Palace, London, (22 October).

  The Council, in partnership with Noise Consultants Limited, were awarded Highly Commended in the John Connell Soundscape Award 2025 for their Castletroy Greenway Pilot Acoustic Study, funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment.

  The Pilot combined innovative sound measurement and analysis, and citizen engagement to investigate the Castletroy Greenway's acoustic environment to inform recommendations for improvements such as strategic tree planting to enrich natural sounds.

  The study was acknowledged for developing a new model for the assessment of tranquil and vibrant sound environments which is being used to investigate green spaces under the Council's Limerick Agglomeration and County Limerick Noise Action Plans 2024-2028. The Executive Scientist collected the award on behalf of Limerick City and County Council.

Environmental Awareness

Adare My Waste Green Hub National meeting - 06 October

- This meeting was attended by the Environmental Awareness Officer in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Attendance included other local authorities participating in this national pilot project and a very interesting set of progress presentations and ideas were discussed.

Business Advice Clinic - 08 October

An opportunity was afforded to the business community in Adare and surrounding areas to attend a collaborative breakfast meeting in the Adare Heritage Centre on 08 October. This was organised by the Limerick Enterprise Office (LEO) and Environment and Climate Action Department and both presented to the attendees. Attendees also included the www.mywaste.ie team from the Southern Regional Waste Planning Office. Supports offered to the businesses in the locality include the Free Green for Business Audit and the Free www.mywaste.ie/business toolkit. This event was also supported by Adare Tidy Towns.

The Network for Ireland's Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) - 09 October

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended a presentation and Questions and Answers (Q&A) session on Environmental Complaints Procedure for Local Authorities.

National Climate Action week - 13 to 19 October

The Environmental Awareness officer addressed the Regional Active Age Ireland group at their meeting held in the Castletroy Park hotel on 18 October. The presentation included promotion of www.mywaste.ie toolkit for households and a question and answer session.

A presentation was given to the Limerick Probus group on 15 October in the Limerick Strand Hotel to promote the www.mywaste.ie toolkit for householders. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

A meeting was held on 15 October with Limerick Island Community partners, Limerick City and County Council staff from Regeneration and the Environmental Awareness Officer to explore the possibility of waste prevention initiatives within the community of St Mary`s Park.

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The Cloth Nappy Incentive was launched on behalf of Limerick City and County Council, Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council on 19 October at University Maternity Hospital Limerick. Limerick had 48 people interested in the scheme and all packs of reusable nappies were allocated quickly. Cloth Nappy Incentive Scheme | Limerick.ie In conjunction with the staff at University Maternity Hospital Limerick, use of cloth nappies will continue to be promoted as a waste prevention measure.

National Environmental Awareness Officers Conference - 22 October

This National Conference was held in Ballintubbert House near Stradbally, Co Laois and was attended by Local Authority Environmental Awareness Officers, the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), and the staff of the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices of the three waste regions. Presentations, discussions and workshops centred around the challenges associated with delivering the National Waste Plan for a Circular Economy within the Local Authority Network.

Limerick Going for Gold Finale - 23 October

Kilmallock Tidy Towns Crowned Limerick Going for Gold 2025 Overall Champions | Limerick.ie

Kilmallock Tidy Towns have been named the Overall Champions of the 2025 Limerick Going for Gold competition, taking home the top prize of €10,000 at a celebratory ceremony held in the Castletroy Park Hotel.

This year, over €70,000 in prizes was awarded to communities across Limerick who are actively promoting the circular economy, reducing waste, enhancing biodiversity, and creating cleaner, greener, and more sustainable places to live, work, and visit.

Now in its 15th year, Limerick Going for Gold continues to inspire civic pride and environmental responsibility. The initiative is funded by Limerick City and County Council in partnership with the JP McManus Charitable Foundation, and supported by Live95, The Limerick Leader, The Limerick Post, I Love Limerick, and Southern Marketing Design Media.

Limerick Going for Gold 2025 Award Winners

Tidy Towns Category

Winner	Placement	Prize
Kilmallock Tidy Towns	Overall winner	€10,000
Templeglantine Tidy Towns	2nd Place	€7,000
Castleconnell Tidy Towns	3rd Place	€5,000
Kilfinane Tidy Towns	4th Place	€3,000
Galbally Tidy Towns	5th Place	€2,000
Croagh Community Council	Highly Commended	€1,500
Athea Tidy Towns	Highly Commended	€1,500
Garrienderk Community Development	Highly Commended	€1,500
Kilmeedy Tidy Towns	Highly Commended	€1,500
Glin Development and Tidy Towns	Commended	€1,500
Bulgaden Community Development	Commended	€1,500

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Limerick Bee Friendly in Bloom

Winner	Placement	Prize
Kilteely Tidy Towns	1st Place	€5,000
Anglesboro Tidy Towns	2nd Place	€3,000
Pallasgreen Residents Association	3rd Place	€2,000
Herbertstown Hub Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)	Highly Commended	€1,000

Residential Areas

Winner	Placement	Prize
Meadowbrook Residents Group Corbally	1st Place	€2,000
Thomondgate Residents Association	2nd Place	€1,500
Southville Gurteen Residents Association	3rd Place	€1,250
Forest View Residents	Highly Commended	€1,000
Woodlawn Park Residents	Highly Commended	€1,000

Endeavour Award

Winner	Placement	Prize
Granagh Development Association	Winner	€1,000

Sustainability, Waste Prevention and Community Engagement (ReUse) Award

Winner	Placement	Prize
Kilmeedy Tidy Towns	Joint 1st Place	€3,000
Hospital Tidy Towns	Joint 1st Place	€3,000
Newcastle West Tidy Towns	Highly Commended	€1,500
Castleconnell Tidy Towns	Highly Commended	€1,500

Judges' Request Award

Winner	Placement	Prize
Bruff Tidy Towns	Best Use of Natural Resources	€2,000
Thomondgate Residents Association	Creative Enhancement of Public Area	€1,000
Northside Family Resource Centre	Exceptional Integration of Biodiversity into daily Community Life	€1,000
Hospital Family Resource Centre	Exceptional Integration of Biodiversity into daily Community Life	€1,000
Rathkeale Tidy Towns	Visual Enhancement Community Entrance	€1,000

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Best New Entrant (New Category)

Winner	Placement	Prize
Kildimo Tidy Towns	Best New Entrant	€1,000
Effin Tidy Towns Group	Highly Commended	€1,000

National Tidy Towns Results 2025 - 24 October

Limerick Celebrates Gold at 2025 SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards | Limerick.ie

The National Tidy Towns results were released on 24 October and Limerick communities did us proud. We had 57 groups participating this year including five new groups. Limerick City Tidy Towns moved from Silver to Gold, Adare Tidy Towns retained their gold medal, Galbally Tidy towns retained their County 2nd and silver medal with Castleconnell Tidy towns retaining County 3rd and silver medal. Newcastle West Tidy Towns and Ardpatrick Tidy towns both retained their bronze medal and Kilmeedy Tidy Towns received an endeavour award for the first time. In the Schools category, Scoil Dean Cussen in Bruff was named Tiny Tidy Towns Regional Winner for the Southwest and Mid-West region receiving a €1,000 prize.

Launch of Anti-Litter Awareness Campaign – 29 October

The anti-Litter Awareness Campaign was launched in Merchants Quay on 29 October. Within the campaign, there will be a particular focus on the potential public health issues associated with dog fouling as dog owners are encouraged to be responsible and protect public health by cleaning up their dog's poo.

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)	€0	0
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme Operational Costs	€53,677.20	One Group Water Schemes
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€8,000	Three Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€0	0

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Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

1. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

Schedule of Council Meetings for October

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council		
Adjourned Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to the Mayoral Fund	28/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Operational Briefings		
Limerick City East	07/10/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City North	07/10/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City West	08/10/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Municipal District of		
Newcastle West		
Monthly Meeting	01/10/2025	Newcastle West and Online
Meeting to Consider the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026	15/10/2025	Newcastle West and Online
Special Meeting to discuss Mayoral Fund	29/10/2025	Newcastle West and Online
Adare-Rathkeale		
Special Meeting to discuss policing issues in the district	07/10/2025	Rathkeale
Monthly Meeting	07/10/2025	Rathkeale and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock		
Monthly Meeting	16/10/2025	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick		
Monthly Meeting	20/10/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings		
Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment	08/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Home and Social Development	09/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning	13/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture	15/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Travel and Transportation	22/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	07/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting	07/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	28/10/2025	Dooradoyle and Online

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Procurement

The Procurement Department is 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	36
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/agreement	13

The Department validate all requisitions raised across the entire Limerick City and County Council.

The following statistics applied for October:

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
October	1,619	356	1,975

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

Rejection Reason	October
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – Omitted/Insufficient detail	99
Request for Quotes - Omitted	39
Procurement Reference - Omitted/Incorrect	50
Quotes – Omitted/Incorrect copy provided	49
Documentation attached Omitted/Incorrect	32

Register of Electors

Total Transactions on Electoral Register	2,992

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Working at Heights	11
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) – Telescopic Handler	4
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	15
First Aid Response – Refresher	1
CSCS – Mobile Tower Scaffold	4
Safe Pass	18
Dealing with Aggressive Customers	21
CSCS – Signing Lighting and Guarding	4
Asbestos Awareness Training	8
Velocity Patcher Induction	1
Total Staff Trained	**87**

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Access to Information

	October	2025 (January to October)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	34	253
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	5	13
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	5
Total Ombudsman Requests	4	36
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	6	33
AIE Internal Appeals	0	3

Customer Services

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

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,885 calls. This represents an average of 429 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 669 on one particular day. 85% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,921 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.
- 3,678 cases were created, with 821 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 65% of the cases created.
- 3,698 cases were closed, with 788 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 179 cases being logged. Of these, 170 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- 98% 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 116 out-of-hours cases being created.
- 145 Residential Parking Permits were applied for and 74 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,865 customers at both our Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

2. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

Limerick Student City

- Concluded Limerick Student City Marketing campaign, which welcomed Freshers as well as existing students to Limerick and encouraged them to engage with all Limerick has to offer, off-campus.
- The campaign, which used the hashtag #LimerickStudentCity, employed captivating content including reels on Instagram and TikTok, static imagery and campaign specific graphics to engage our target audience.
- The campaign launched the Limerick Student City map and guide aimed at students who may be new to the city.
- An updated version of the Limerick Student City Prospectus was also produced in print and digital formats and distributed to recruitment teams at each of the Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB).

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- Hosted at the University of Limerick, the team attended the Limerick Open Day to welcome approximately 14,000 potential new students, their guardians, teachers and guidance counsellors to Limerick. Specific merchandise was also created and distributed at this event.

- Progressed a collaborative video asset with University of Limerick (UL), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), Mary Immaculate College (MIC) and LCETB, which will promote Limerick as an energetic and compelling destination of choice to potential students.

Other Activity

- Work ongoing on a collaborative project with Limerick Libraries to promote inclusion and reading amongst our younger Limerick audiences. The project will launch at the start of next month.

- Progressed Limerick on Foot initiative, including preparation of marketing assets and creating photography and videography assets.

- Staff acted as a judge in the global place-brand and place-making awards: City Nation Place Awards 2025.

- Work progressing on Brand Limerick's Brand Audit ahead of next year's Marketing Strategy.

Social Media

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

Limerick.ie Facebook: 39,005
Limerick.ie X: 21,045
Limerick.ie Instagram: 43,009
Limerick.ie TikTok: 4,463
Limerick City and County Council X: 18,897
Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 5,832
Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 16,493
Limerick City and County Council TikTok: 1,144

Mayoral Accounts:

Mayor of Limerick Instagram: 1,715
Mayor of Limerick Twitter: 245

Limerick.ie

In October, there were 198,515* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 5% 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/halloween
4. www.limerick.ie/council/newsroom/news/halloween-in-limerick-goes-big-for-2025-with-frights-folklore-and-family-fun
5. www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse

Content Report: 83 articles, 260 events and five new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in October.

Communications

- Issued 15 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and seven from the Office of the Mayor.

- Researched and prepared 33 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.

- Posted 296 times across the four Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 42,366. Our posts earned 380,588 impressions/views (number of times users saw our post).

- 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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- Social media posts were created and shared for the following:
  - Dogs looking to be re-homed via the Limerick Dog Shelter.
  - Promotion of the Ballyhoura Walking Festival.
  - Community Conversations for Nature Restoration in Limerick.
  - Outreach Event for Stakeholders in Multi-Unit Developments.
  - Promotion of WBFL (We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick) week – sharing videos.
  - Promotion of Art Exhibition by Holger Bahr.
  - Continuous updates on Storm Amy.
  - Willow Workshop for National Tree Day.
  - Construction Begins on €2m Limerick Greenway Hub Facilities at Newcastle West.
  - New three-bedroom homes available for sale at Radharc Cillín, Kilfinane, Limerick designed at a discounted price.
  - Promotion of sustainability for Circular Living Week.
  - Bulky Waste Collection at St. Mary's Park, Hyde Road Area, Ballinacurra Weston and Moyross.
  - Launch of Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action programme.
  - Twilight Thursday Promotion of Events.
  - Promotion of Fire Safety Week 2025.
  - Limerick Welcomes Over €1.2 Million To Advance Kilmallock and Rathkeale Projects.
  - Halloween in Limerick promotion of events.
  - Limerick Civil Defence travel to University College Cork (UCC) to celebrate 75 years of Civil Defence.
  - Limerick City and County Council Hosts Limerick's first Integration, Health and Wellbeing Conference.
  - Wildlife Walls Series Continues with Island Road mural.
  - Cloth Nappy Incentive Scheme – Free starter kits available for families in Limerick.
  - Funding call opens to support communities to deliver water quality improvement projects.
  - 'Get on the Green' Rathbane Gold Course Initiative launched.
  - Limerick City and County Council career opportunities.
  - Active Travel Mill Road Scheme informational video.
  - Limerick's Built Heritage Lectures.
  - Burial Ground Awards 2025.
  - Príomh Chomhairleoir Reception for boxer Lee Reeves and Southside Ladies Group.
  - Promotion of Limerick Gift Card – Collaboration videos with The Hamptons and Serosep.
  - Going for Gold Awards Ceremony 2025.
  - Cleansing Crew Progress in Limerick City.
  - Latest Incremental Purchase Scheme opened for applications.
  - Weekly Planning Lists.
  - Continuous updates on Road and Public Notices.

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3. Business Improvement

- A total of 911 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 681
- Business Improvement launched the Annual Leave Carry Forward Application Form as a digitised online form.
- The first "Lunch and Learn" with the Director of Service and the Senior Team for Transportation and Mobility was held in the Council Chamber in Merchants Quay, as well as online.

4. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting

The October Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 20 October.

Briefings/Workshops

Briefings/Workshops were held during October for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick as follows:

- Briefing on Light Up Limerick Procession Event Licence and Christmas in Limerick 2025;
- Briefing from Waterways Ireland on their plans for the Black Bridge, Plassey and the Canal, as part of the Limerick to Scarriff Greenway Project - Shannon Tourism Masterplan;
- Workshop to discuss the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) – Draft Budgetary Plan 2026.

Operational Area Briefings

Operational Area Briefings were also held for the Elected Members in early October.

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- **Description of project: Woodlawn Drive Footpaths**
  Location: Woodlawn Drive
  Cost of project: €14,000
  Contractor: Peter Ryan Limited
- **Description of project: Drainage Works Ballybrown**
  Location: Ballybrown
  Cost of project: €11,000
  Contractor: Peter Ryan Limited
- **Description of project: Alandale Avenue Clean Up**
  Location: Alandale Avenue
  Cost of project: €12,000
  Contractor: Peter Ryan Limited
- **Description of project: Caher Road Vegetation Removal**
  Location: Caher Road
  Cost of project: €18,000
  Contractor: Richie Collins Plant Limited
- **Description of project: Bollard Replacement O'Connell Street**
  Location: O'Connell Street
  Cost of project: €10,000
  Contractor: Maramba Road Services Limited

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale was held on 07 October in Aras Sean Finn, New Line Rathkeale, County Limerick and online.

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

- 116 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 81 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

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Road Maintenance

Verge Strengthening works carried out at:

- N69 - Foynes
- N21 - Adare

Hot Patch repair works carried out at:

- N69 - Askeaton
- Adare village, various locations from Adare Bridge to Murphys Cross

Local Improvement Schemes

Local Improvement Schemes completed at:

- Tonbaun, Crecora, Co. Limerick
- Ballinleena, Bruree, Co. Limerick
- Loughill, Co. Limerick
- Graigues, Askeaton, Co. Limerick
- Ballymacamore, Croom, Co. Limerick

Community Involvement Schemes

Community Involvement Schemes completed at:

- Cooltomin, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 16 October in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Workshop for the Elected Members on the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Draft Budgetary Plan Budget 2026 was held on 16 October in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 143 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

- 92 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

Description of project:	**LIS Drimineen, Pallasgreen**
Location:	Private Passage
Cost of project:	€55,103.64
Contractor:	English Tar and Machinery Yard

Description of project:	**LIS Abington Murroe**
Location:	Private Passage
Cost of project:	€42,954.55
Contractor:	English Tar and Machinery Yard

Description of project:	**LIS Cliggin, Doon**
Location:	Private Passage
Cost of project:	€89,433.64
Contractor:	English Tar and Machinery Yard

Description of project:	**LIS Rahin, Grange**
Location:	Private Passage
Cost of project:	€63,636
Contractor:	English Tar and Kilmallock Roads Crew

Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

Description of project:	**CIS Moymore, Pallasgreen**
Location:	Moymore, Pallasgreen
Cost of project:	€25,000
Contractor:	G-Stone

General Maintenance Safety

Description of project:	**Installation of Road Studs on Regional Roads**
Location:	R506
Cost of project:	€10,000
Contractor:	T&K Road Markings

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Description of project:	**Installation of Road Studs on Regional Roads**
Location:	R516, R512, R513 and R515
Cost of project:	€15,000
Contractor:	T&K Road Markings

Low-Cost Safety Works

Description of project:	**Installation of High Friction Surfacing, Road markings and Signage**
Location:	R506 Five Crossroads Murroe
Cost of project:	€50,000
Contractor:	Eco Flex and T&K Road Markings

General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

Description of project:	**Footpath Repairs**
Location:	Sarsfield Rock Templebraden
Cost of project:	€4,500
Contractor:	T&K Road Markings

Description of project:	**Glenroe Village to National School Public Lighting**
Location:	L8637 Glenroe
Cost of project:	€20,000
Contractor:	Electric Skyline and Kilmallock Roads

Description of project:	**Kilfinane National School and Secondary School Public Lighting**
Location:	L1511 Kilfinane
Cost of project:	€22,000
Contractor:	Electric Skyline and Kilmallock Roads Crew

Description of project:	**Footpath Repairs**
Location:	Doon Main Street
Cost of project:	€9,157
Contractor:	T&K Road Markings

Active Travel (AT) Scheme

Description of project:	**Ballyorgan AT Scheme**
Location:	L8547 Ballyorgan
Cost of project:	€165,000
Contractor:	Alan O'Connell Developments Limited

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- **01 October** - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- **01 October** - Private Briefing for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West on the Elected Representatives Online System.
- **01 October** - Private Workshop for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West to discuss the Active Travel Link at Abbeyfeale.
- **15 October** – Private Workshop for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West to discuss the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026.
- **29 October** - Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West to discuss Mayoral Fund towards Christmas lights in Newcastle West

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 141 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 114 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

Road Maintenance

- Started N21 road maintenance.

Flooding events at Dromcollogher

- Drainage works have been carried out on the storm water system in Dromcollogher after the flooding in August.

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Drainage Scheme Works

- Drainage works commenced in Monagea, and Shanrath, Castlemahon.
- Drainage works were started in Hill Road, Abbeyfeale.

Safety Works

- Road markings and hedge cutting are on-going.

Low-Cost Safety Works

- Low-Cost Safety Works were completed in Dromcollogher and Newcastle West.

Active Travel Projects

- Active travel projects were completed in Strand Village and Feohanagh.

Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,271 routine transactions generating an income of €188,026.