



# Active Travel Limerick Newsletter

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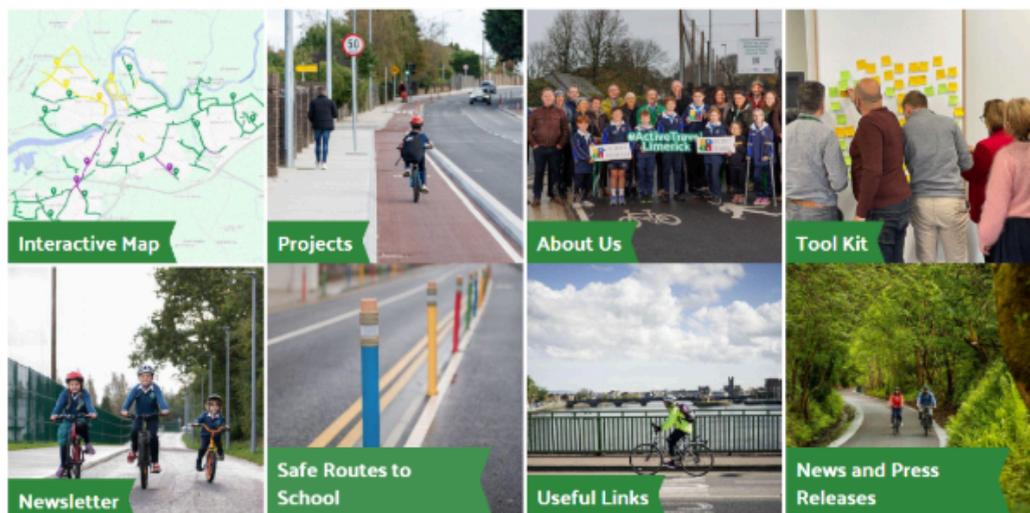
The Active Travel team at Limerick City and County Council, with funding from the National Transport Authority, is tasked with expanding and upgrading Limerick's cycling and walking network.

## Active Travel webpage has a fresh look

We have refreshed the Active Travel section of the Council website, with a new, shorter and easier-to-share link. While the content is largely familiar, the page now has a fresher layout and clearer structure. Over the coming months, we will be reviewing and updating content across the site to better reflect projects, programmes and opportunities as they develop.

### Active Travel Limerick

Active Travel Limerick, with funding from the National Transport Authority, is continuing to expand Limerick's cycling and walking network.



Active Travel Limerick's aim is to provide the infrastructure required to ensure people can begin using more sustainable modes of transport – such as walking and cycling – as part of their journeys.

### What has changed so far:

- A new, shorter web address: [www.limerick.ie/active-travel](http://www.limerick.ie/active-travel)
- Updated page layout and navigation
- A fresh look of Active Travel projects and programmes

### Coming over the next few months:

- Updated project information
- Updated maps and resources
- New content highlighting walking, cycling and accessibility initiatives

**Let us know what else you'd like to see!**

## Step 1

**Check it out!**

## Step 2

**Send us an email**

### TUS to City Centre Progress Update



#### Outbound between O'Callaghan Avenue and Hassett's Cross

Works on outbound side of the road are ongoing, with visible progress on surfacing and kerbing. Excavation of footpaths is ongoing from Johnsey's shop toward Hassett's Cross.

##### What has been done

- Inbound side of the road approaching completion
- Footpath excavation underway on the opposite side
- Cycle lane construction works progressing toward Hassett's Cross

##### What's coming next

- Continued excavation and preparation for new footpaths and cycle lane
- Installation of new kerbing and surfacing phases to follow



#### High Road Cross Road to Fraser's Corner

The works continued in the future plaza area, where crews are preparing the space for the new cycle lanes, wider footpaths, new surfacing and an improved public realm layout.

##### What has been done

- Ongoing works between Cross Road and Fraser's Corner
- Footpath and cycle lane construction in the plaza section
- Preparation works for future surfacing and layout improvements

##### What's coming next

- Improved footpaths and new cycle lanes in plaza area

- Construction of new on street parking
- Preparation works for future surfacing and layout improvements

### **Bellefield Gardens**

In Bellefield Gardens, works remain concentrated between the entrance to Heritage Close and the Maternity Hospital.

#### **What has been done**

- Works were ongoing between Heritage Close and the Maternity Hospital
- Continued excavation and preparation for upgraded footpaths

#### **What's coming next**

- Kerbing and surfacing works at the junction with the Hospital entrance
- Continued work to improve pedestrian access with wider footpaths and improved crossing points



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## **Corbally Road SRTS**

Works around Scoil Íde and the approach to Athlunkard Bridge have seen much progress in recent weeks. These improvements are part of a Safe Routes to School project, aiming to create safer and more enjoyable school journeys for children and families.

### **What has been done**

- New kerbing was installed in the first section outside Scoil Íde, and new manholes were put in place.
- The first base layer of tar has now been laid outside the school.
- Excavation and drainage works progressed near Scoil Íde, and kerbing continued at Athlunkard Bridge.

### **What's coming next**

- Excavation of the footpath will continue toward Bishop's Field, with temporary pedestrian walkways in place to maintain safe school access.
- Works will begin on connecting newly installed manholes.
- Additional sections near Scoil Íde will be prepared for future surfacing.



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## **Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme**

Over the past two weeks, works along Old Cratloe Road have continued to progress steadily. Crews have been working on upgrading footpaths, improving kerbing and preparing the corridor for cycling and walking improvements.

### **What has been done**

- Service ducting installation continued in the new footpath areas beside the Spar shop.
- Existing walkways were excavated and replaced with new kerbing, and several sections of fresh concrete footpaths were poured.
- Excavation works started outside Cratloe Wood Student Village.
- Footpath areas beside the Spar shop were prepared for additional concrete pours.

### **What's coming next**

- Excavation will continue outside Cratloe Wood Student Village.

- New kerbing will be installed in advance of the next sections of concrete footpaths.



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## Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme



### What has been done?

- New crossing complete at ESB Substation
- Junction tightening works started at the Pennywell Road and Downey Street junction

### What's coming next?

- Works will be prioritised by contractor at the front of the 2 schools over the Easter Period

- Works will include – 2 new pedestrian crossings at both schools; build out at the Girls Schools for set down/parking area and rationalise the junction of Downey Street and Upper Pennywell

### **Upcoming Works – Easter Period**

The works will be prioritised at the front of both schools during the Easter school holidays to minimise disruption. The works will include the installation of new pedestrian crossings at each school, footpath extensions to improve visibility and make crossing safer, and a build-out (a wider footpath for congregation) at the girls' school. Works at the boys' school will also address the junction of Upper Pennywell and Downey Street.

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## **New Bus Stop in Boher**



Construction of a new pair of upgraded bus stops on the N24 at Boher has now been completed. The project facilitates the introduction of a new bus stop at this location, served by Route 347 between Limerick and Tipperary.

The works deliver new bus lay-bys, a modern shelter, Kassel kerbing to support accessible boarding, and improved footpath links. Safety has been further improved with the installation of tactile paving at two pedestrian crossing points. These works collectively improve comfort, safety, and accessibility for all public transport users. The second shelter will be installed as it becomes available.

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## **NetZero Cities Twinning Programme: Limerick in Tampere**



The Active Travel team recently took part in a two-day Twinning Learning Programme in Tampere, Finland, focusing on sustainable mobility, youth engagement, and practical approaches to behavioural change. The visit formed the third site exchange in the programme and offered insights into how cities can support more sustainable everyday travel.

As part of the programme, Limerick presented its Active Travel initiatives, presenting its 155km of cycling infrastructure, 22 Safe Routes to School projects, ongoing accessibility improvements, and the development of interactive mapping tools to identify walkability, cyclability, and access issues citywide. The Tampere team, including the Tampere University shared results from the Mobility Mindshift workshops with students on Speculative Design and Co-Design Gamification workshops. Presentations on the schools adventure and modal shift mapping took place including a site visit to a key Multi Modal Mobility Hub.

Next steps of the programme will include delivering an information session for Limerick's local stakeholders, sharing mental-model mapping tools used in both cities, enhancing school travel toolkits, and continuing communications and awareness through social media and the Active Travel newsletter.

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## Video: NTA Walking and Cycling Index 2025 - Part 2



**“If there’s less traffic in the area, it just makes it nicer to live in.”**

Paul’s experience reflects what many residents across Limerick–Shannon Metropolitan Area want: safer, calmer, more people-friendly streets.

The Walking and Cycling Index shows that the residents support child-safe neighbourhoods, including traffic-reduction targets and measures to reduce through traffic and speed:

- 73% think wider footpaths would make it easier for them to walk or wheel\* more
- 80% would like nicer places along streets to stop and rest, like more benches, trees and shelters
- 83% say better footpath accessibility, like level surfaces and dropped kerbs at crossing points would help them walk or wheel more
- 76% support reducing speed limits on local roads in built-up areas to 30 km/h
- 69% of residents support building cycle tracks physically separated from traffic and pedestrians even where that means less room for other traffic.

\*Some people who use a wheelchair or a mobility scooter may not identify with the term walking and may prefer to use the term wheeling.

The Walking and Cycling Index 2025 is Ireland's largest and most detailed survey of walking, wheeling and cycling habits. Developed by the National Transport Authority in partnership with local authorities and the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust the Index provides a powerful evidence base to inform Ireland's mobility priorities.

For more information on the report, follow the link below:

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