



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.

Did You Know?

How completing the missing links makes cycling easier

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The Active Travel minor connectivity (“gap filling”) works at Hyde Road Park are set to make a significant impact as one of the first in a series of projects aimed at completing Limerick’s cycling network. While the city already has a substantial level of cycling infrastructure, its effectiveness depends on how well different sections connect. These minor connectivity projects focus on closing the small but critical gaps that interrupt otherwise continuous routes.

Gap filling projects typically address short sections where cycling infrastructure is missing, unclear or unsafe. This can include discontinuous cycle lanes, difficult junctions, substandard crossings, or areas where space is poorly allocated. Through audits, stakeholder engagement and mapping exercises, the Active Travel team has identified key “pain points” across the network, prioritising targeted interventions that deliver the greatest benefits for safety and connectivity.

The Hyde Road Park project is a strong example of this approach in action. It will connect the cycle lanes on Hyde Road and Parnell Street through a busy part of the city using quieter side streets and upgraded toucan crossings. This enables people cycling to bypass the two-lane orbital road near Parnell Station, avoiding the need to mix with high volumes of traffic and creating a safer, more accessible route.

These types of improvements are crucial because a single missing link can undermine an entire journey. When routes feel fragmented or unsafe, people are less likely to cycle. By contrast, completing these links makes the network more legible, continuous and attractive for everyday use.

Gap filling projects also support wider objectives around inclusion and accessibility. By providing safer, more direct routes, they make cycling a realistic option for a broader range of users, including children, older people and those with lower confidence levels. Ultimately, while major schemes expand the network, it is these smaller, targeted interventions that unlock its full potential and enable more people to choose active travel.



TUS to City Centre Active Travel project



Why aren't these cycle lanes red?

We've received a few queries about why some of the new cycle lanes, particularly between Hassett's Cross and Frasers Corner, are not yet surfaced in red.

All new segregated cycle facilities are designed to include a red coloured surface, in line with national guidance. While the lanes are already in place, what you're seeing in some areas is an intermediate layer rather than the final finish.

As this is a large scheme delivered in stages, sections are built up over time. Once a sufficient length is ready, the final red surface can be applied across the route. When this smoother, finished surface is in place, it will provide a more comfortable and consistent experience for people cycling.

It will be some months before we reach that stage, and we will keep you updated as works progress.



Plaza works progressing

Preparation and paving activity has moved into the area in front of Hibernian Villas. This section will be developed to a similar finish as the area in the photo above between the Boxing Club and Bellefield junction where works are now at an advanced stage.

Road Closure Notice – Bellefield Gardens

A temporary full road closure will be in place at Bellefield Gardens and Belfield Court from 22 June to 3 July 2026 to facilitate tar surfacing works. Local access will be maintained and signed diversions will be in place.

Find out more details by clicking the link below:

[**Road notice - Bellefield Gardens**](#)

Corbally Road SRTS

Works continued along the footpath between the junction of Lanahrone Avenue and Mill Road: existing footpaths were excavated and new kerbs were installed, the area was prepared for the concrete pour.

In Bishops Field site clearance works took place to facilitate the construction of new foundation walls, followed by excavation works for the foundations of the new boundary wall.

Works continued on the footpath near the junction of Corbally Road and Roseville Gardens.

Garryowen Works - Sarsfield Court

What is coming:

- footpath refurbishment works are due to begin this week
- road resurfacing works will follow next week

Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme



What has been done:

- Works continued on the excavation of existing footpaths along both sides of the road.
- New kerbs were installed, followed by new concrete footpaths.
- Works began on the rebuilding of a boundary wall alongside Caherdavin Meadows.

What is coming:

- Excavation, kerbing and footpath installation will continue in the direction of TUS.

Towns and Villages: Cappamore-Kilmallock

Knockainey village



Works have now commenced in Knockainey village to improve pedestrian facilities along the L8504.

Initial site clearance is underway, with early groundworks and gravel infill now visible on site. These works mark the beginning of a project to provide a new pedestrian connection in an area where no footpath currently exists.

The scheme includes:

- Construction of a new 1.8m wide footpath through the village
- Installation of drainage infrastructure
- New tactile paving, dropped kerbs and a zebra crossing
- Road markings and traffic management measures
- Upgrades to existing public lighting and installation of additional lighting

Glenfield Road, Kilmallock - new footpaths

Works have started on Glenfield Road (L8576) in Kilmallock to provide a new footpath on approach to town.

Initial clearance and groundworks are progressing. In some sections, concrete has been poured as part of the new footpath construction.

The works include:

- A new 1.8m wide footpath
- Boundary removals to make space for the works
- New drainage infrastructure
- Tactile paving and dropped kerbs
- Road markings and associated works
- New public lighting and upgrades to existing lighting

We would like to thank our colleagues in Cappamore-Kilmallock for their continued cooperation and delivery.



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