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FINALIST



**Offaly County Council secures
Town and Village Renewal
Funding for Clara**

**Offaly County Council
Clean up after Storm
Isha 22 January**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Offaly County Council Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws is available for viewing or inspection until 23/02/2024
- Creative Ireland Community Project closing date for applications is 23/02/2024

Land Use, Planning and Economic Development Services

PLANNING

Development Management

	To end Jan 2024	To end Jan 2023	Total 2023
Planning Applications	38	25	695
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	0	1	20
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	10 (2)	58 (2)	181 (73)

Local and Regional Economic Support Strategies Support Scheme

The above-mentioned scheme was launched on **13 October 2023**, to be administered by Pobal. This scheme will see the disbursement of €24m for projects aligned to Local Economic and Community Plans and the disbursement of €5m for projects aligned to Regional Enterprise Plans.

LA led LECP aligned project applications – Offaly County Council applied for funding for an Economic Development Unit to support the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029 and the Offaly Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2027. The closing date was 8 December 2023. A funding announcement for successful applications is expected in February 2024.

LECP aligned projects – Offaly County Council submitted 4 applications by the closing date of 23 January 2024. The applications were in respect of:

- 1) Repurposing of the Dalton Centre on the site of the West Offaly Power Station in Shannonbridge

- 2) Funding for a Development Coordinator to support FilmOffaly
- 3) Repurposing of a building in Church Street, Tullamore to create an Enterprise Hub
- 4) Funding for a Technical Services consultant to determine the route of a service corridor to serve the Rhode Green Energy Park.

A funding announcement for successful applications is expected in April 2024.

EU JTF Community and Enterprise Grants Scheme

This scheme opened for applications on 11 January 2024. It will support local community organisations and SMEs on projects that contribute to a green transition and a sustainable local economy, including through creating employment and building relevant capacities. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of up to €300,000 under this scheme. It is the second call under the EU JTF providing direct support to the implementation of Local and Regional Economic Strategies.

Eligible organisations include:

- Community & voluntary organisations, or not-for-profit organisations (NGOs)
- Social enterprises
- Micro and Small to Medium Sized Organisations (MSME)

The scope of projects that will be supported include: innovation in energy and resource efficiency, circular economy, training and upskilling, retrofit readiness, digitalisation and connectivity, bioeconomy, nature restoration and regeneration, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 22 February 2024. Organisations must be registered on the MyPobal portal by the 2

February 2024 to complete the application form.

Failte Ireland

Offaly County Council and Failte Ireland recently signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement which will facilitate:

- a. The post of Tourism Activator was filled on 2 January 2024. A three-year contract position Offaly County Council which will be 100% funded by Failte Ireland. This person will engage directly with private tourism operators within the county.
- b. Offaly County Council has been invited to submit applications directly to Failte Ireland in respect of tourism projects in the county. The closing date is 29 February 2024.

Fáilte Ireland's Tourism Learning Network Programme

Fáilte Ireland also launched on 11 January 2024 a call for Expressions of Interest to partake in the Tourism Learning Network Programme, as part of the EU JTF Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026.

This collaborative programme provides professional learning and development to guide participants to achieve tourism growth in a commercial, equitable, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable way. Participants will be able to engage in inspirational seminars, structured learning, and benefit from invaluable insights to develop a successful and sustainable tourism business or propel their personal career in the tourism sector.

Eligible applicants:

- Existing and new tourism enterprises: Commercial and not for profit enterprises, charities, community, and social enterprises engaging or diversifying into tourism in the Just Transition territory

- Strategic partner organisations: Management, staff and agents of strategic partner organisations
- Individuals: Previous employees of Bord na Móna and ESB Network Programmes involved in peat or electricity production in the Just Transition territory seeking to transition into a career in tourism.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest: 12:00 noon 22 February 2024

Offaly County Council Projects

Creative Ireland – Funding of c. €191,000 was allocated to a wide range of community engagement projects. A substantial sum is allocated to Creative Community projects. Karen Gray has joined the team as the Creative Communities Engagement Officer.

Decade of Centenaries - €50,000 was allocated to a range of collaborative projects with Offaly History and to Crinkill Tidy Villages to develop a military trail focusing on the impact of the barracks.

Biodiversity (Sept – Dec 2023)

Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) grant funding of c. €95,131.00 was drawn down in November bringing the total spend on LBAF biodiversity projects to over €111,000.00.



Group pictured at Seed Saving Workshop in Daingean.

A targeted training module “**Planning for Swifts**” for OCC planners was conducted in late September to help integrated biodiversity best practice into everyday planning decisions in terms of nesting Swifts in our urban areas.



OCC staff members visiting Tullamore Wetland during the Nature-based solutions/Wetland creation training in November.

A community **wildflower seed collection** and saving workshop took place on 6 and 9 of September, a collaboration between the climate team and biodiversity officer to promote All Ireland Pollinator Plan actions further across the county. An online webinar was followed-up by two field visits to Birr and Daingean.

An all-day community Biodiversity Knowledge-share Day was organised in Geashill on 23 September. This was a networking and upskilling event aimed at Tidy Towns + Community groups actively seeking to improve biodiversity in their respective localities. OCC staff were joined by experts and community representatives to deliver the event.

Partnering with Local Communities and Societies

The Lemanaghan Monastic Site Interpretation Plan was produced in collaboration with Kevin O'Dwyer and the community group.

The Lions Clubs of Tullamore and Birr received their report by Blackthorn Ecology to look at proposal for the management of part of Clonbeale bog.

Built Heritage

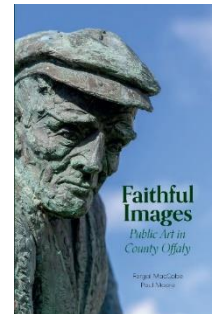
Offaly History continued with their publication of blogs on the streetscape of Tullamore.

Documenting Heritage County Archive Service

Quarterly meetings are held with Offaly History to oversee the delivery of the county archive service. The heritage office and county librarian represent the Council.

Publications

Faithful Images - A publication documenting the sculptures in the public realm by Fergal McCabe with photos by Paul Moore was published with assistance from Offaly County Council and the Creative Ireland programme.



A comprehensive book on the **River Brosna** by John Feehan is in the final editing stages and will be published in Q1 2024 by Offaly County Council.

Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites

Under the **Community Monuments Fund** support towards six projects in County Offaly totalling €464,589 was spent and claimed. Huge progress was made conserving Monasteroris Church and the Chapter House in Killeigh. Further works at both these sites will be applied for in 2024. For over two decades the community at Kilbride (Ballycowan) were advocating for conservation works for the gable ends and side wall section of their medieval church and this was achieved in 2023.

The second phase of conservation works were completed on the walls at Seir Kieran Monastic site, Clareen. Reports for the conservation management plan for Ballintemple Church near Walsh Island and the unique staircase at Emmel Castle are completed.

Just Transition Conservation and Pollination Programme

Conservation works at the churches are concluded at the three sites. The programme closes in Q2 2024. The final phase of works on site will be the conservation of the unique coffin stand at Kilmurryely Glebe.

Maintenance of Medieval Churches

Work continues to manage and maintain the church sites and graveyards which were previously conserved.

Access to Heritage

The **Offaly Naturalists' Field Club** programme continued with the Wintering Birds at Lough Boora event on 5 November.

REGENERATION

Town and Village Renewal

2023 Building Acquisition Measure

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD recently announced Town Team's success in partnership with Offaly County Council in its application to acquire a vacant and derelict town center building in Clara through the Building Acquisition Measure under the 2023 Town & Village Renewal Scheme.



The Co-Op is a very significant building in terms of its place in Clara's history, its prominent access to the Brosna River and its Town Centre location. The Town Team can now apply for Town and Village grants to assist with design fees and future capital costs to refurbish the building into a multipurpose community space.

Town Centre First, Clara

The Town Team meet monthly with the support of the Town Regeneration Officer. Based on the success of the Building Acquisition Measure the Team are now preparing for other funding opportunities that will be available over the coming year. Some Town Team members met with the Active Travel Team and Tullamore Municipal District to discuss transportation projects as defined in the TCF Plan.



On behalf of Clara Town Team, the chair, Bernie Henry recently gave an excellent account of the experience of the development of Clara Town Team and the Clara Town Centre First Plan at the Rural Forum which was facilitated by Department and the Reimagine Session which focus on Town Centre First in practice.



The National Launch of all Town Centre First Plans is pending with Minister Humphries with a date to be confirmed in Q1 2024. Clara Town Centre First Plan is available to view on Offaly.ie.

<https://www.offaly.ie/clara-town-centre-first-plan-2/>

Town and Village Renewal 2023

The Regeneration Team in conjunction with the Municipals Districts and other sections have submitted the maximum number of applications under the 2023 TVR Scheme and announcement pending. Announcements due Q2 2024.

Projects complete/ongoing under Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Images below allude to the positive impact the ongoing investment of €29m from the Department of Rural and Community Development's has had in Offaly since 2020. This investment has fostered

economic, social, and environmental opportunities throughout the County.

This sustained effort contributes to creating vibrant, appealing communities and enhancing public spaces for both residents and visitors. The collaboration between communities, Offaly County Council, the Department of Rural and Community Development are vital in achieving these positive outcomes.

The following images are an overview of the many projects in each Municipal District:

Birr Municipal District		
 <p>The Green, Birr – TV19OY10 Works complete, €200k claimed</p>	 <p>Shinrone– TV19OY9 Works complete, €100k claimed</p>	 <p>Pollagh - TV20OY10 Works complete, €100k claimed</p>
 <p>Ballyboy Site cleared to enable amenity works</p>	 <p>Fairgreen, Ferbane Planning Secured</p>	 <p>Market Sq., Birr Community Consultation ongoing</p>
 <p>Kilcormac Enabling works complete</p>	 <p>Old Library, Shinrone Community Consultation ongoing</p>	 <p>Moneygall Design team to commence Q1 24</p>

Edenderry Municipal District



Cloneygowan - TV200Y03
Works complete, €100k claimed



Daingean - TV200Y04
Works complete, €100k claimed



Kilmalogue - TV200Y07
Works complete, €100k claimed

TVR Proposal 2021 – Pedestrian link over
St Patrick's Bridge



Clonbullogue "People's Park"
Works 70% complete



Daingean Project Development Measure
Appointed Conservation Architect

Tullamore Municipal District



Mountbolus Ph I – TV190Y07
Works complete, €100k claimed



Mountbolus Ph II - TV200Y08
Works complete, €100k claimed



Mucklagh - TV200Y09
Works complete, €100k claimed



Killeigh Community Centre
Works 95% complete



Clara Streetscape Enhancement Measure

Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF): Successful RRDF projects progress update:
2020 Banagher Regeneration

Banagher Marina & Environs Masterplan



Banagher Marina & Environs Master Plan official launch to be carried out shortly. Design phase for Marina progressing in consultation with Waterways Ireland and Irish Water. Procurement for conservation plan for Shannon Royal Hotel progressing.

2021 Edenderry Phase II

Part 8 proposal for Edenderry Community Library & Arts Base at 33-34 JKL Street, Edenderry was approved at the January Council Meeting. 11 no. submissions were received in total, 9 no. from members of the public and 2 no. from Prescribed Bodies. The Elected Members agreed that the proposed development, details of which were placed on public display on the 18th October 2023, should proceed.



2021 Ferbane Regeneration

Initial surveys of the site and existing buildings completed and processed by the Design Team. Design Team presented 3 no.

concept designs on the 8th December 2023 for the consideration of Offaly County Council, An Síolán and key Stakeholders.

The Design Team currently analysing feedback on the concept design and are preparing a final design to be presented at a public consultation in the coming weeks.



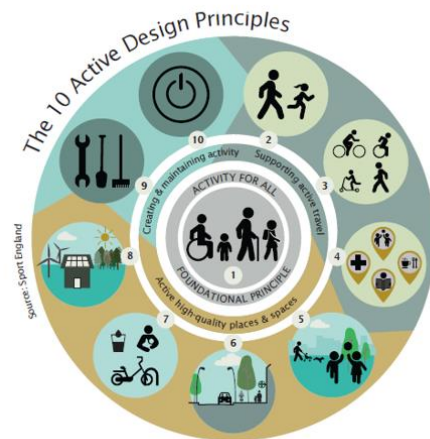
Ferbane Tidy Towns recently completed another great project utilising the AXA Parks grant to provide remedial work, seating and planting at the former convent. Ferbane Tidy Towns and St. Hilda's Service Users and Support Staff planted organic pollinator friendly bulbs as a symbol of the years of hard work the Sisters of Saint Joseph gave to the community.



Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS): Projects progress update: 2021 – Derrycastle Lakes and Trails, project development

The Draft Derrycastle 10 Year Plan has been presented to Edenderry Elected Members by the consultants, SLR Consulting Ltd. The plan is set for one last public consultation in the form of a newsletter and online questionnaire. Additionally, a Stakeholder Workshop will precede the finalisation of the Plan.

The anticipated completion date for the plan is the end of Quarter 1, 2024.



DERRYCASTLE: ACTIVITIES



GREEN GYM



DESTINATION PLAY



CAR PARKING



CAMPING AIRE



LAKE EXPANSION



VISITOR FACILITIES



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Get in touch!

January is a good time to remind clients of the financial grant supports for business growth.

Business expansion grants

Provide financial support for entrepreneurs and small businesses looking to grow their operations, facilitating investment in equipment, staff, or market expansion.

Feasibility grants

Assist in conducting thorough assessments before implementing business plans, ensuring informed decision-making and minimising risks.

Priming grants

Available to businesses in the first 18 months to help you offset some of those start-up costs - from salary to capital expenditure, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Together, these grants form a comprehensive support system, empowering businesses to navigate challenges, conduct thorough research, and secure the necessary resources for sustainable growth. This multifaceted approach enhances your potential by addressing various aspects crucial to business development. We are encouraging businesses in Offaly to reach out to initiate a discussion about their requirements using a variety of channels including our newsletter, flyers and information sessions.

Local Enterprise Week 2024

Mark your calendars and save the dates, because Local Enterprise Week 2024 is just around the corner! Get ready for a power-packed week of inspiration, knowledge, and networking that will raise your business game. From insightful workshops to engaging events, we have an exciting lineup tailored just for you. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and propel your business forward. Stay tuned on our website and social media channels for updates and new events.

2024 County Enterprise Awards



Taking part in the County Enterprise Awards 2024 is a great opportunity for any business who wants to gain recognition and exposure for their achievements and innovations.



By

participating in the awards programme, businesses will be able to showcase their excellence and diversity to a large audience of potential clients and, if they are the overall winner, represent Offaly at the National Enterprise Awards in Dublin in May.

The link to apply is here:

[LocalEnterprise.ie/Offaly/EnterpriseAwards](https://localenterprise.ie/Offaly/EnterpriseAwards)

The Student Enterprise Programme

This is an educational and fun-packed initiative that teaches second level students what it's really like to be an entrepreneur and set up and run their own business over the course of the academic year. In 2023/2024 there are 10 schools from all over County Offaly participating. Prizes in various categories will be awarded at the County Final which will be held on 5 March 2024 in the Tullamore Court Hotel. The overall winners in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior categories will go forward to the National Finals which will be held in the Mullingar Park Hotel in May 2024.



Offaly County Final



Tuesday, 5th March 2024

Tullamore Court Hotel

Digital Town Awards

Businesses in Offaly are encouraged to enter the annual .i.e. Digital Town Awards 2024, which celebrate the digital achievements of businesses across the country. The .i.e. Digital Town Awards create a sense of pride and act as a catalyst for creating positive change.



Now open for applications, there a total prize fund of €60,000 across 10 categories in areas such as business, sustainability, agri-tech, digital tourism, community and education.

Entry to the Awards is free, applications close at 5pm on Friday, 1st March 2024. More information is available on Digital Town Awards website: DigitalTown.ie

Most of our courses are **FREE OF CHARGE!** Whether it is starting a business or growing a business there is something suitable for everyone. Full details and links to book are here: <https://bit.ly/3B5LTku>

UPCOMING EVENTS LEO OFFALY

SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNTS

FEB 7

FEB 8

TRADING ONLINE VOUCHER
WEBINAR

A DIGITAL MARKETING PLAN FOR
YOUR TOURISM BUSINESS

FEB 21

FEB 21

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS
(EVENINGS COURSE)

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR
ENTREPRENEURS

FEB 26

MAR 5

DIGITAL MARKETING
PROGRAMME

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS DAY
COURSE (IN PERSON)

MAR 6

MAR 19

HOW TO USE TIKTOK TO MARKET
YOUR BUSINESS

WWW.LOCALENTERPRISE.IE/OFFALY

Housing

To assist us in streamlining the delivery of Housing Services we encourage the use of the following email addresses:

Service	Email Address
HAP Enquiries	hap@offalycoco.ie
Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans	homeloans@offalycoco.ie
Housing Inspections – HAP, Leased, Private, etc.	standards@offalycoco.ie
General Enquiries, Maintenance Issues, etc.	housing@offalycoco.ie
RAS & Leasing Enquiries	RAS@offalycoco.ie
Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme	HousingAidGrants@offalycoco.ie
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB@offalycoco.ie

Housing Update

- There are 519 on the Social Housing Support List at the end of January 2024.
- A further 590 active tenancies are currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme, 11 signed up for HAP and 6 exited from HAP in December.
- At the end of December, 32 single people and 15 couples and families were being supported in emergency accommodation.
- A rent review of Social Leasing Scheme Tenants (including Rental Accommodation, Short Term Leasing, Repair & Lease and

Mortgage to Rent) and HAP Tenants has commenced. Completed rent assessment forms and supporting documentation were to be returned to the Housing Section by 6th February 2024. Any outstanding forms should be returned immediately. Tenant queries can be directed to our email at RentReview@offalycoco.ie

Housing Capital Programme Update

- Sr. Senan, Edenderry (4 no. Older Person's dwellings) – Due for completion in Q1 2024.
- Circular Road, Daingean (9 units) – Construction commenced. Completion Q2 2024.
- Raheen, Clara development (38 units) – Project started on site in March 2023. Due for completion in Q4 2024.
- Dargan Drive, Chancery Lane (20 Units) – Part 8 approved in May 2022. Stage 3 to be submitted to the Department once ESB lines on the site are undergrounded.
- Circular Road, Daingean, Site 2 (10 Units) – Stage 2 approval was granted on 27th February 2023. New Part 8 planning process; Section 179A of Planning and Development Act was advertised on 10th October 2023. Stage 3 will be lodged with the DHLGH in Q1 2024.
- Group Housing, Croghan Road, Birr (4 Units): Stage 4 approval was granted on 21st November 2023. Preferred Contractor has been identified and works on site will begin on Q1 2024.

- Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber (10 Units) – Stage 2 approval received 30th Nov 2022. Part 8 resolution was received on 17th April 2023. Stage 3 approval application will be lodged with DHLGH in Q1 2024.

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes

- Sofia Housing: Stage 2 approved (39 units) at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton. Planning Granted in November 2023. AHB is preparing tender documents (Stage 3)
- Sofia Housing, Clonamore, Tullamore – Works being finalised.

Turnkey Developments/Part V

- Bog Road, Portarlinton, 28 units - Under Construction and anticipated completion Q1 2024.
- Silverbrook, Tullamore, 7 x Part V units - Works being finalised.
- MacGregor, Birr, 8 Units (6 Turnkey & 2 Part V) - Approved June 2023, construction commenced with completion anticipated to be in Q1 2024
- Carrick Hall, Edenderry - 22 Units (18 Turnkey & 4 Part V's) approval received in July 2023.

Retrofit Programme

In deciding on a works programme, local authorities are urged to choose a mix of properties across a range of BERs to allow for homes which need significant expenditure to be balanced out by those needing lesser spend so as to achieve the overall average cost of €34,000 per property. A BER rating of B2 must be achieved.

- 105 Units completed
- 19 Units to start Q1 2024
- Tender preparation for a further 24 Units is under-way

Community Culture and Emergency Services

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024 was announced on 6th December 2023, by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

The Programme opened for online applications from Monday 22nd January 2024, with a closing date of Wednesday 28th February 2024. Full details are available on the www.offaly.ie website. Offaly Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) will meet in March to approve the successful projects and it is expected that announcements regarding approved projects will be made by DRCD in early April 2024.

Community and voluntary groups will be eligible to apply for grants amounting to between €500 to €5,000 to carry out minor capital works and improvements to their facilities, and to purchase equipment for community use. An allocation of €127,369.50 is available for general community grants and €27,099.89 is ring fenced for supports for Women's Sheds, Groups and Networks in Offaly.

Public Participation Network



- PPN Workplan 2024 This was facilitated by the coordinator and attended by the full Secretariat. The Workplan is aligned to the PPN Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026



- A PPN planning meeting took place for the Community Energy Charter, following on from the November 2023 PPN Plenary.
- The 1st Secretariat meeting of 2024 setting out the meetings and other key events for 2024
- The first bi-monthly PPN National Coordinators meeting took place with Department officials in Trinity Place Dublin on 18th Jan.
- The Online Community Climate Action Fund was promoted heavily via the PPN newsletter and Social media. This drew a lot of interest; culminating in a high attendance for the online workshop

- As a follow up, the in person Community Climate Action Fund was heavily publicised through the PPN channels and was held in the Tullamore Library on January 27th
- Offaly PPN hosted the first MRPPN meeting of 2024 in the Tullamore Court, welcoming PPN staff and Secretariat members from Louth, Longford, Meath, Westmeath & Kildare for a very informative and excellent knowledge building experience.
- The PPN coordinator represented the PPN at the ODEN and Offaly Older persons meetings during January
- A meeting took place with SICAP manger Louise Larkin OLDC and Community Garda Fergus McDonnell on Social Inclusion opportunities for collaboration in 2024
- Farewell to Clare McEnroe who is moving to a new post in Edenderry Library. Offaly PPN staff and Secretariat wish her every success. We will miss her energy and enthusiasm.



Comhairle Na nÓg

The first Members meeting of 2024 was held in January. Members voted on Committee roles and elected representatives for new terms. This year the chosen work topic is Mental Health. The group discussed the opportunity to invite new representatives to join the

Steering Committee who could assist them in progressing work on their chosen topic. Louise Larkin of OLDC attended the meeting to talk about the Birr & South Offaly Mental Health Interagency Steering committee.

HEALTHY OFFALY

January has been one of the busiest months of the Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 so far. Edufit who have been engaged to provide analysis of the project results have reported back on three of the six year 1 projects. It is intended to present the full assessment of all six projects at the February 2024 LCDC Meeting.



The first project to be analysed was Crinkle Sports & Recreation Centre's Children's Afterschool Physical Activity Programme. The After Schools physical activity Programme aimed to increase weekly physical activity participation rates in children in Crinkle. The M1 score for the 42 children who took part increased from an average of 2.8 days per week pre programme to an average of 5 days per week post programme representing a 78.6% increase in weekly physical activity levels. Pre programme only four children met the physical activity guidelines per week, but this increased to 31 children post programme. This action successfully achieved its aim to increase physical activity participation rates in children in Offaly as per the Healthy Ireland Outcome Indicator the project is aligned to.

Next to be scrutinised was Offaly Sports Partnership's 'Drop & Move' action. The 'Drop and Move' programme aimed to increase weekly PA participation rates in adults in Offaly in addition to increasing participation in weekly multimodal training. In total, 109 adults took part in

the programme across nine clubs in Offaly. Their average M1 score increased from 2.7 days of physical activity per week pre programme to 3.9 days per week post programme. This represents an increase of 1.2 days per week or 44.4% in weekly physical activity participation.

The final project to be reported on in this current block of results is Kilcormac Development Association's '*Activator Poles Programme*'. The Activator Poles Programme aimed to increase weekly PA participation in older adults in Crinkle. An analysis of the IPAQ-SF showed an increase in MET-min/week of 604 minutes or 29.1%, and a reduction in sedentary time of 0.4 hours or 12.5%. The pilot programme had a very positive impact on the participants weekly physical activity participation especially given the fact that the initiative involved one class per week. In this way, the programme successfully achieved its aim.



Image: KDA's Activator Poles class in progress

So far the results of half the actions are very positive with all targets being met and exceeded in these three actions. The full report on all six projects and analysis will be supplied in next month's update.

In other news, the Healthy Ireland Coordinator work has commenced on reporting on the action progress and expenditure for year 1. All implementing partners have submitted their documentation which will be entered on to

Pobal's online portal for analysis. The deadline for submission of this information is 16th February 2024. The annual activities workplan which lists all proposed projects that will be animated in 2024 was submitted to Pobal for consideration on 19th January. For the past few months, huge work has gone into meeting implementing partners and assessing the viability of these new projects. These new projects some of which were referenced in last month's report will further expand the scope of Healthy Offaly's work in the County for 2024.

SPORTS

Good luck to Tullamore boxer, Gráinne Walsh, on her upcoming Olympic qualification bouts in Italy next month



Funding

- Outdoor Recreation Officer pilot programme – Offaly SP unsuccessful in its application
- Energy Support Scheme phase 3 – €5,000 allocation confirmed for sharing among Edenderry Swimming Pool (€1,425), Moneygall Development Association (€575), Mucklagh Community Centre €2,325, St Brigid's Community Centre Cloneyhurke (€25) and St Mary's Youth Centre Tullamore €650)
- End of year return to be submitted to Sport Ireland by 31st January 2024

- Revised budget (agenda item 6.1) to be submitted to Sport Ireland via its online grant portal by 31st January 2024

Welcome

ESF+ Social Innovation through Sport Officer interviews held in December Heather Murphy from TÚS Athlone will be commenced work with Offaly SP on Monday, 29th January 2024; and will be with us for a six month period Johnny Corboy, Offaly SP ASPIRE graduate will be overseeing the delivery of the sports inclusion development programme across quarter 1

Programmes

Staff are currently planning delivery of quarter 1 programmes with updates on said programmes to issue at next meeting

Diversity Games & Para Athletics Festival

Offaly SP in association with Athletics Ireland and Paralympics Ireland hosted the “Diversity Games” & “Para Athletics” festival for primary and post primary schools in Athlone on Wednesday / Thursday, 10 / 11 January 2024. Over 750 young people from 30 schools across the country took part in the games across the two days



Women in Sport

Women in Sport week takes place from 4th to 10th March. Planning is currently underway as to the range of activities likely to be delivered during the week; details of which will be shared in the February update

For more information on the work of Offaly Sports Partnership, check out www.offalysports.ie or our social media feeds on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

ARTS

ARTS OFFICE PROGRAMMES

Lough Boora - Art in Landscape Project Funding



ART IN THE LANDSCAPE: FESTIVAL OF CHANGE
Tionól - a gathering of ideas (Big & small)



Planning for the Art in the Landscape Festival of Change, taking place in Offaly and Mayo in April 2024 is currently ongoing with calls to artists and communities being released. As part of the *Art in Landscape: Festival of Change* there will be an event called *Tionól – a gathering of ideas*; a creative space to share ideas and an opportunity for participants to share their ‘big’ or ‘small’ ideas around Art in the Landscape. The purpose of the event is to share ideas and spark conversations locally. A call has been issued to anyone interested in, working in or volunteering in arts, heritage, culture, tourism, community development, the environment or economic development or a local community member living near Lough Boora Sculpture Park, to submit their ideas to share as part of the event. Ideas will be shortlisted based on having a mix of ideas from different sectors at the event. Selected presenters will have presentation slots of 10 minutes each. A callout was also recently issued to professional artists to submit proposals to host workshops/talks- as part of the festival. The programme of events is currently in development.

FilmOffaly

The FilmOffaly Award 2023 has been awarded and the Arts Office are delighted to announce the winning script *A Simple Killing* by Mark Conway. This film will be produced in Offaly in 2024 by the production team, Jason Branagan, (Director) Mark de Carreau, (Actor, Producer) Emer Durcan (Producer) and Brian Durcan (Cinematographer) of Western Front Studios. The film shoot soon commences in Co. Offaly. Further details to follow on the 2024 Film Offaly bursary.

FilmOffaly Review

The FilmOffaly Review undertaken by researchers, *Culture Works* across the Summer months has been completed. The report has been presented to the Community and Culture SPC, FilmOffaly board and the Management of Offaly County Council. Following these presentations recommendations and actions will form part of the new Arts Strategy 2024-2028.

Annual Programme



Funding Opportunities

A number of announcements have been shared of bursaries and grants. The 2024 Youth Arts Commissions have opened, which cater for the delivery of Youth Arts Projects for the cohort of 13- to 25-year-

olds within Offaly. The Arts Office invites professional artists, individuals or groups, to work with youth organisations to submit a proposal outlining the proposed idea.

The commission is open to submissions from all art disciplines including visual arts, film, animation, digital arts, performing arts, literature or sound art. The commission can concentrate on one art form or a range of art forms but must include the participation of/engagement with a professional artist. Young people's active participation and the co-creation of work should be central to the youth arts projects.

The Arts Acts Grants 2024 and the Professional Artists Support Award recently accepted applications. The Arts Acts Grants are community based and designed to support Offaly voluntary arts organisations, schools, drama & musical groups, town bands, voluntary community



groups intending to host arts events, performances, or projects in Offaly in 2024.

The Festival Arts Scheme is designed for festivals taking place in Offaly in 2024 that are either dedicated arts festivals or have a strong professional arts element to the festival. The scheme closes in February.

The Professional Artist Support Award offers a support scheme for professional artists in developing their arts practice over a number of categories, with the aim of encouraging professional artists to live and work in the county.

Public Art

FROM WITHIN', which is a newly commissioned piece of contemporary dance created with young people in Tullamore. The commission funding has been made available through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021 and is associated with the development of the new Bandstand in Lloyd Town Park Tullamore.

Following an open call, local professional dancer Amy Donlon was contracted as the selected artist and throughout January has been developing the choreography with an ensemble of young dancers from the area. The choreography will explore the interplay between water, outdoor space and the connection between water and play. On **Saturday 24th February 2024 at 3pm**, the newly commissioned creation will be performed at the Bandstand in Lloyd Park, Tullamore.

Creative Places Edenderry



Creative Places, Edenderry, a project funded by the Arts Council, led by Creative Lives in partnership with Offaly County Council Arts Office and Edenderry

Municipal District, has recommenced activities with an array of different arts-based activities, workshops and events. January has seen activities in a wide range of art forms including: Visual Arts, Music, Poetry, Playwriting, Creative Movement; Dance; Ceramics; Drama; Radio, Photography. A visual arts project for participants that identify as disabled continues to be very popular. There is also consistent participation in the Community Forum meetings. Ongoing commissions by Playwright John Grogan and Visual Artist Michelle O' Donnell are continuing.

Creative Places Edenderry are also inviting applicants to their seed funding scheme, which will see six projects of up to 1,000 euro funded for creative projects in the Edenderry Community. Capacity building remains a priority with an information session running in Edenderry on Safeguarding and Garda Vetting, in support of community organisations in the area, for whom these elements are of relevance.



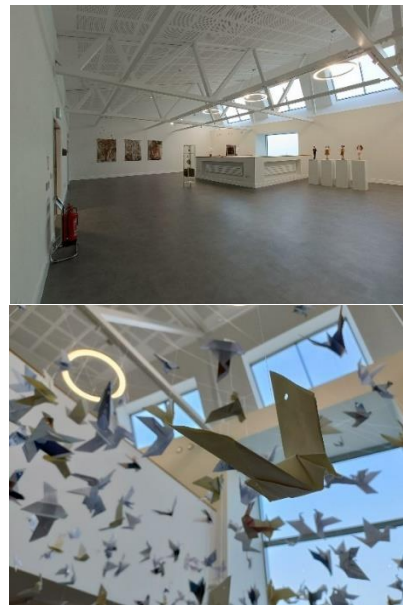
CAPITAL PROJECTS

Esker Arts

There has been a rich and varied programme of activity across January at Esker Arts. The first exhibition opening of the year proved to be a great success. Esker Arts hosted a fantastic crowd for the official opening of Murmuration: Craftlink - Connecting Creative Communities.

The exhibition features artists from Ireland and Finland. Many local artists were

featured. Craftlink was developed by Offaly Local Development Company, Westmeath Community Development, Rieska & Keskipiste Leader (Finland) and funded through the LEADER Rural Development Programme. The programme across January has featured live music including Sharon Shannon, Solas Quartet and Trad as well as film, workshops and engagement with schools.



Edenderry Library and Arts Base

The Arts Office continues to work in close collaboration with the county librarian in the development of plans for a Multi-Purpose Arts space and Artist's Studio's to be incorporated into the planning of the new library for Edenderry, this include the audience and participant development as part of the Creative Places Edenderry project.



LIBRARY SERVICE

Encouraging Offaly to Get Reading



This February, and in the spirit of Valentine's Day, Offaly Libraries would like to encourage all those in Offaly to discover or rekindle their love of reading for pleasure.



We look forward to celebrating a national day of reading with **Ireland Reads Day** on

Saturday, February 24th.

Keep an eye on our [website](#) and [socials](#) for updates.

Our library service has never been more accessible, with no registration fees and the eradication of late fines, all members of our community can [enjoy their library](#) free of charge.

Library members can [access their library account](#) online to view their loans, reserve and even order books from other libraries around country.



We offer some ingenious digital services to help readers find books that suit their reading style. [‘Who Else Writes Like?’](#) is a free, online recommendation service that will suggest authors you may like based on your preferred authors.

We also offer a child-focussed service called [‘Who Next?’](#) that will help parents make informed decisions on their child's reading progression.

Offaly Libraries Development Plan



Offaly Library service is preparing a new Library Development Plan for 2024-2028. Library patrons and non-users are invited to contribute to the plan as we map out our aims and objectives for the next five years. We have put together [this short, online survey](#) to help us better understand and serve the needs of our community.

Free Home Energy Clinic with SEAI

Join SEAI at Edenderry Library on Wednesday, 7th February for a free in-person, session on energy efficiency, home upgrades, and conservation tips.



These Energy Clinics will dive into our energy use, energy savings and provide practical tips for making our home and community more energy efficient.

Delivered by DECC and SEAI, in collaboration with LGMA and Libraries Ireland. No booking necessary for this event.



We would like to remind all interested in the above event that Home Energy Saving Kits from Codema are available to borrow from Offaly Libraries. [Get in touch with your local library](#) to arrange.

Minding Me: Healthy Ireland at Tullamore Library



'Minding Me' is a 6-week nutrition, exercise and health education programme for retired adults living in Offaly.

Dr Diane Cooper from EduFIT delivered the first health education workshop to 'Minding Me' participants in Tullamore Library in January, focussing on 'Muscle Matters'.



This initiative is designed and delivered by EduFIT in partnership with Healthy Offaly, Healthy Ireland, Pobal, the Government of Ireland, Offaly County Council and Healthy Ireland at your Library.

Mindful Events at Edenderry Library

Local artist and teacher, Laura Philips, will lead a **Mindful Journaling Group for Adults** in Edenderry Library, every Wednesday at 18.30. The first session takes place February 14th.



Laura will also deliver a **Mindful Doodling Workshop for Children** aged 6+ in Edenderry Library at 10.30, Saturday 17th February. Booking required for all events. [Please contact Edenderry Library directly.](#)

Is Teanga Bheo í an Ghaeilge i Leabharlanna Uíbh Fhailí



An raibh a fhios agat? Tagann Ciorcail Comhrá le chéile gach seachtain i roinnt dár leabharlanna!

Leabharlann Bhorra	11.00 gach Satharn
Leabharlann Thulach Mhór	18.45 gach Máirt
Leabharlann Chlóirthigh	15:00 gach Céadaoin

Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil [ar líne anseo.](#)

Digital Support Clinics: Every Monday at Tullamore Library



Offaly Libraries are pleased to partner with LOETB in delivering their Form Filling and Digital Support Clinics, hosted in Tullamore Library every Monday morning at 10.00. All are welcome to attend these drop in clinics which offer free and confidential supports for a variety of online, digital and smart device services.

For more information, please contact tlatham@loetb.ie or phone 085 856 0160.

C-Pens Available to Borrow

Offaly Libraries have several C-pens available to borrow from our libraries throughout the county for children who find reading difficult or for those with dyslexia.



These portable devices offer a Text-to-Speech function, reading aloud the text you scan. [Contact your local branch](#) for more information.

Lego Free Play at Offaly Libraries



Our libraries continue to host Lego Free Play sessions on Saturday mornings, as part of our STEAM programme!

Lego Free Play allows children to unleash their creativity and skills while working with others to build amazing feats of engineering and imagination.

To learn more about Lego Free Play sessions in your local library branch, [please contact them directly](#).

Crafty Fridays at Edenderry Library

Crafty Fridays have become a key staple in Edenderry Library's calendar, with sessions held every Friday at 15.30. Last month, the children had great fun creating some very strange creatures using all recyclable materials.



As space are limited, booking is essential for each Crafty Friday session. [Contact Edenderry Library](#) for more information.

'Sun, Moon and Stars' Photography Exhibition at Tullamore Library



Tullamore Library are delighted to showcase the photographic works of Tom O'Hanlon for the month of February.

Following a successful launch in Birr Library last month, the exhibit features stunning photographs following an astronomy theme, including stunning images of northern lights captured over Lough Boora. The exhibition will serve as a lead up to our Astronomy Week celebrations in March, as part of our STEAM programme.



Tom himself will deliver a talk in Tullamore Library on Thursday, 14th March. Keep an eye on our [website](#) and [socials](#) for updates.

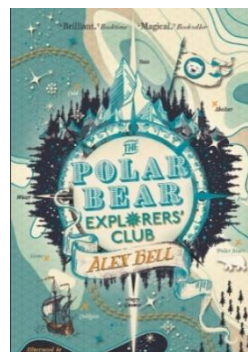
Art Exhibition in Edenderry Library



Edenderry Library, in partnership with Creative Places Edenderry, are delighted to display pieces from local artist, Becca Thorne. The collection features semi-abstract landscapes and seascapes inspired by the artist's life-long love of wild places. This exhibition will be on display in [Edenderry Library](#) for the duration of February.

Daingean Books Clubs for Kids and Adults!

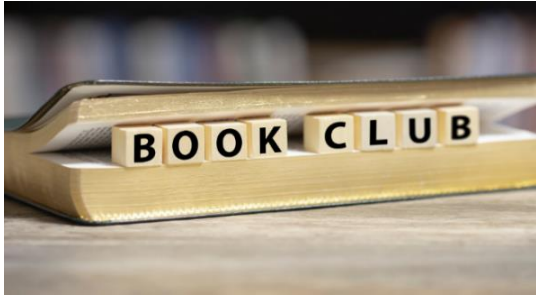
Did you know that Daingean Library have two book clubs?



Their Adult book club meet at 18:00 on the second last Thursday of each month and their Children's book club meet at 15:30 on the first Tuesday of each month. Daingean Library's book clubs are currently reading: If you would like to join either club, please [get in touch with Daingean Library](#).

Offaly Libraries currently host 12 book clubs through the county and our library

staff are always happy to **help source and select books** to suit all ages and tastes. If you would like to join any of our existing clubs, [please check out the details for each here.](#)



Alternatively, should you wish to **establish your own book club** in one of our libraries please get in touch by emailing askthelibrarian@offalycoco.ie and we will be happy to help!

Sign up for our Library Newsletters

A quick reminder that the best way to keep up to date with all library programmes,

developments and new services is via [Offaly Libraries Newsletter and by following our social media channels.](#)

Currently we have **3,101 subscribers** to the general newsletter and **124 teachers** subscribed to the school newsletter.



Climate Action Environment Water & Transportation

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Local Authority Climate Action Plan

Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 Section 12B (2) each local authority is required to prepare a local authority climate action plan for its respective administrative area. The guidelines have been issued under the provisions of the Act and are therefore statutory in nature. The Offaly County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 has been out to Public Consultation in late 2023. The Chief Executive's report on submissions received will be presented at the February meeting for consideration and the final plan presented to members for adoption. Legislation requires that the Plan be adopted before 23rd February 2024.



Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF) was launched within Offaly on 13th December 2023, and will remain open for application for 12 weeks, until 6th March 2024. The Community Climate Action Programme, under the Climate Action Fund, has been developed under two strands addressing both direct climate action, and climate education and capacity building.

Strand 1 has two parts: strand 1 entitled "Action: Building Low Carbon Communities" for €24 million, and strand 1a entitled "Shared Island Community Climate Action" for €3 million.

Strand 1: Action: Building Low Carbon Communities

€444,000 is being provided to Offaly Co. Co. to work in partnership with communities, large and small, rural and urban, within their areas of operation to build low carbon communities in a considered and structured way. The projects will address the following five themes:

- Home/energy
- Travel
- Food and waste
- Shopping and recycling
- Local climate and environmental action

Offaly County Council is seeking to receive applications to avail of the €444,000 allocated for community groups in Strand 1. Suitable projects will receive 100% funding and must be completed within 18 months of the signed grant agreement (between OCC and relevant community group). The Community Climate Action Officer will co-ordinate this fund within Offaly Co. Co. Expressions of interest are through an on-line application form available on www.Offaly.ie

Climate staff are running workshops and webinars to assist community groups in their applications and are contactable at climate@offalycoco.ie



Tullamore Library
Sat 27th Jan
9:30 to 12:55

Community Climate Action Fund APPLICATION WORKSHOP



Green Awards

Offaly County Council have been shortlisted for the **Green Awards 2024, Green Business & Sustainability** in the category of **"Green Public Sector Organisation of the Year"** following submission of our comprehensive application.

A record 250+ entries were received across a range of categories and the judging panel shortlisted our application along with other organisations such as *An Post, CIE, DAA, Dublin Bus, Trinity College Dublin, Uisce Éireann and Waterways Ireland* for the Green Public Sector Organisation of the Year award. The winners will be announced on Tuesday 27th February next.



Green
Public Sector
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of the Year

FINALIST

Environmental Management

In January, the Environment Section received 79 environmental complaints. All were investigated in a timely manner and resolved where possible.

Complaint Category	Number
Litter pollution (fly tipping/casual litter/litter on property)	55
Waste (dumping/burning/unauthorised sites)	9
Noise (community/commercial/industrial)	0
Control of Horses	1
Control of Dogs	7
Water Quality	3
Abandoned vehicles	2
Air	2

WEEE Public Collection Days in Offaly

WEEE Ireland ran a *Free Public Electrical Recycling Events* in partnership with Offaly County Council on Saturday 27/01/2024.

WEEE Ireland in partnership with Offaly County Council ran an extensive 7 -day local advertising and PR campaign before each of the events above which includes:

- > Radio Ads
- > Press Ads
- > Local Press Release to Media
- > Geo-targeted Social Media Ads
- > WEEE Ireland Web listing
- > Follow up social media post



National Deposit Refund Scheme (DRS)



From February 1st, 2024, Ireland is introducing a Deposit Return Scheme. When one buys a drink in a plastic bottle, aluminium or steel can that feature the **Re-turn** logo, one will pay a small deposit in addition to the price of a drink. When one returns the empty undamaged container to a retail outlet, the deposit will be returned in full. A deposit of 15c will apply to containers from 150ml to 500ml inclusive and a deposit of 25c for containers over 500mls to 3 litres inclusive.



Environmental Benefits Circular Economy-

As a circular economy initiative, the new Deposit Return Scheme aims to move away from the 'take make and dispose' culture

to one of returning valuable materials and keeping them in the economy for as long as possible.

Protecting our Environment

Deposit Return Schemes have proven very successful in reducing litter. By placing a monetary value on these drinks' containers, there is more incentive for consumers to return them, rather than littering our environment. To date, over 60% of plastic bottles and cans are being collected for recycling through green bins, which means that over 30% are not collected, leading to increased littering.

Important dates for DRS to note

Re-turn have confirmed a Transition Period to facilitate both Producers and Retailers in ensuring all non-deposit stock can be flushed through the system.

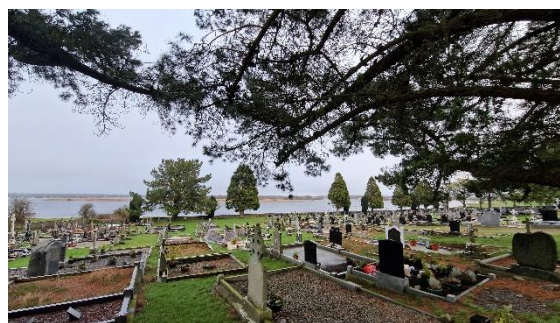
- All HORECA* businesses can take delivery of Re-turn logo stock from 1 January 2024.
- Retailers can sell Re-turn logo stock from 1 February 2024
- Retailers cannot purchase non-deposit stock from 16 March 2024
- From 1 June 2024, all stock on retailer shelves must only be Re-turn logo stock

* *HoReCa*, short for "hotels, restaurants, and catering," refers to the hospitality and food service industry

Burial Grounds

St. Mary's Cemetery, Edenderry

The invitation to tender for the construction of the extension to St. Mary's has been issued to a contractor framework and we await responses no later than 17:00hrs on Tuesday 6th of February 2024.



Cemetery Committees

We currently work with 17 cemetery committees, and we look forward to working with new committees in 2024. There are grants and assistance available from the CAERW section and we welcome engagement from groups that are currently maintaining their local cemetery or planning on forming a committee to do that.

RURAL WATER SERVICES

Capital

The Rural Water Unit of the Department of Housing have circulated the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2024 to 2026 for capital funding for Group Water Schemes. This has been circulated to Group Water Scheme committees and workshops will be held in conjunction with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes in the coming weeks to discuss the application process. Applications are due to be submitted to the Rural Water Unit by 12/04/2024.



Well Grants

Grants are available from Offaly County Council to assist with the improvement of a water supply to an individual private

dwelling (this means a water supply providing water intended for human consumption and domestic purposes that serves only one house).

Please note that this scheme does not apply to houses to which a Public Water Supply or a Group Water Scheme has already been provided or can reasonably be provided.

Domestic Waste Water Treatment

The DWWTS grant scheme will be amended from 01/01/2024, removing the requirement for the septic tank to be registered and also increasing the grant to 85% of allowable costs up to a maximum of €12,000.00

Grants for a Septic Tank or Domestic Waste Water Treatment System (DWWTS), to assist with the costs of remediation, repair or upgrading works to, or replacement of, such DWWTS are only available from a Local Authority where a septic tank has been inspected by the Local Authority or Local Authority Waters Programme Office (LAWPRO) under one of the following inspections regimes:

- National Inspection Plan
- Prioritised Areas for Action, as outlined in the River Basin Management Plan

And remediation, repair or upgrading works or replacement of the DWWTS is recommended after inspection by the Local Authority

Or

- where a dwelling is in a High Status Objective Catchment Area

And remediation, repair or upgrading works or replacement of the DWWTS are recommended after inspection by the Local Authority.

If you have been recommended remediation, repair or upgrading works or replacement of your DWWTS as per above then you may be entitled to a grant towards the works required and the application form for the DWWTS grant will be provided to you by Offaly County Council.

Domestic Lead Remediation Grants

The Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme helps households with the costs of replacing lead piping or related fittings located within the internal distribution system connected to a domestic water supply that serves a house. The Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme came into operation on 1st December 2022.

The aim of the grant is to assist households with the cost of replacing lead pipes and fittings within the boundaries of the property. The grant is available if you receive a water supply from either a public or private water supplier.

The new eligibility conditions in the revised grant include:

- Removal of the means test requirement;
- Introduction of a uniform grant rate of 100% of the eligible costs of the replacement of any such lead pipes and/or related fittings, or €5,000, whichever is the lower;
- An additional eligible cost can be claimed to a maximum of €200 for the provision of a certificate from a laboratory or notification from a registered building professional, as outlined at (b) and (c) above and provided for in Regulation 5(1)(b) and 5(1)(c). This cost is to be included in the calculation of the maximum eligible cost total of €5,000. Note, any indirect costs

incurred by the applicant themselves are not eligible costs;

- The house concerned must be occupied by the applicant as their normal place of residence;
- Minimum expenditure on eligible works in order to qualify for a grant has been increased from €200 to €750.

Grant application forms are available on offaly.ie or from the CAERW section by contacting 057 9357403.

Veterinary

Control of Dogs

In 2023 we cared for 289 dogs in the dog shelter and we able to rehome 19 more dogs than we did in 2022, an increase from 270 to 289 dogs rehomed. On average 15% of the dogs are reclaimed by their owners, 15% are rehomed by the Care of Dogs Team and the other 70% are rehomed through animal rescue charities. The

Control of Dogs team has also dealt with 73 in 2023 and brought 2 successful prosecutions through the courts in 2023.

Control of Horses

In 2023, we dealt with 21 complaints under Control of Horse legislation, which resulted in the seizure of 11 horses and donkeys.

Veterinary Inspections

Offaly County Council continues to operate the Shared Service Agreement for Veterinary Services in the Westmeath County Council administrative area.

TRANSPORTATION

Public Lighting

The following is a breakdown of the Public Lighting failures across the County as of the week beginning the 6th of February. There are currently 251 faults on the system. 30 of these faults require third party intervention and as such cannot be repaired by the maintenance contractor. Within these 30 faults there are a number of lighting assets that were never connected and had never been operational in the first instance. These anomalies are being addressed by the yearly public lighting capital program in conjunction with the taking in charge of estates process.

Therefore, the current actionable faults amount to **221 faults or 2.37 %** of the lighting stock.

The breakdown of the **221** faults across each MD are as follows:

Municipal District	No Of Faults	Total No of Lights in the MD	% fault of MD Lights Only	% fault per MD of the Countywide Public Lighting Stock
Birr	88	2962	2.97	0.95
Tullamore	81	3933	2.05	0.87
Edenderry	52	2405	2.16	0.55

Edenderry Inner Relief Road

Works are ongoing on the Edenderry Inner Relief with a tentative completion date of May 2024. The pictures below outline the progress to date with the majority of Earthworks and Groundworks completed.



2024 Annual Roads Program

Works have commenced across each of the Municipal District Offices with regards to the formulation of the 2024 Roads Program. It is expected that Road Grant allocations will be issued in the coming weeks. In the interim each Municipal District intended to bring a draft plan to their respective Municipal District meetings in the coming weeks.

Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

Finance

Revenue Account Grant Income & Payroll Summary to 31/01/24

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	Full Yr Budget 2024 €m	Preliminary Value to Jan 2024 €m	% Year To Date
Payroll costs	35.68	2.31	6.5%
Grants and Subsidies Income	50.31	1.00	2.0%

OCC to 31st Jan 2024

	<u>Rates</u> €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1st, 2024	3.06	0.66	0.04
Net Invoices & Adjustments, waivers	1.48	0.67	0.00
2024 Cash Collected to end of Jan	2.40	0.69	0.02
Closing Balance Jan 31st, 2024	2.13	0.64	0.01

2023 Cash collected to Jan 31st

	0.85	0.61	0.05
% Collection at this point in 2023	283%	113%	50%

Bank Overdraft to 31st Jan 2024

	-	-	% YTD
Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date	1	3%	
Bank Interest and non conforming charges to Jan 31st 2024 YTD (Estimate)		€1,000	
Bank Administration and transactional charges to Jan 31st 2024 YTD (Estimate)		€3,500	