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Offaly County Council

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Do: Baill Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí

Tuairisc mhíosúil bainistíochta a bhreithníú i gcomhair tionóil mí Bealtaine

Monthly Management Report for consideration at the May 2022 Monthly Meeting.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - A schedule of Chief Executive Orders is included with the Council Agenda. **FINANCE** - Appendix 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lough Boora Sculpture Park

A Save the date notice is currently being distributed. This conference will be of interest to any section in the council interested in People and Places. **SAVE THE DATE - Art in Landscape Seminar - Online Seminar - 9am - 5pm on May 25th 2022**

This seminar will explore the intersect of Art in the Landscape, with culture, the environment, tourism and social engagement by leading artists, curators, authors, and researchers.

It will be an opportunity to share knowledge from local, national, and international examples of potential and explore co-collaborative ways of working that can inform future initiatives in Ireland and beyond. Website and booking details will go live on:

www.artinthelandscape.info
from Wednesday, 11th May 2022. FREE EVENT environment.

REPORT AT A GLANCE

Ná lom é (fós)



Arna bhainistiú ar
son an fhiadhúlra
Managed for Wildlife



TIPS TO CREATE POLLINATOR- FRIENDLY 6-WEEK MEADOWS

- **First cut after 15th April.** (this will allow Dandelions to flower. Dandelions are a vital food source for pollinators in spring)
- **Second cut at end of May.** (Cutting at the end of May and not again until mid-late July will increase the growth of important plants like Clover, Selfheal, Cuckooflower and Bird's-foot-trefoil).
- **Third cut in mid-late July.** (maximises growth of Clovers and other wildflowers)
- **Fourth cut end of August.**
- **Fifth cut after mid-October.**

LEIDEANNA CHUN MÓINÉAR 6 SEACHTAINE A THACAÍONN LE PAILNEOIRÍ A CHRUTHÚ

- **An chéad ghearradh tar éis an 15ú Aibreán** (ligfidh sé seo do caisearbhan bláthú. Is foinsé bia rithbhachtach iad caisearbhan do phailneoirí san earrach)
- **An dara gearradh ag deireadh mhí na Bealtaine.** (Méadóidh gearradh ag deireadh mhí na Bealtaine agus ní arís go dtí lár go deireadh mhí Iúil fás plandaí tábhachtacha mar Seamair, Ceannbhán beag, Cuach Lus agus Crobh éin)
- **An tríú gearradh i lár go deireadh mhí Iúil.** (A uasmhéadaíonn fás Seamair agus bláthanna fáine eile)
- **An ceathrú gearradh ag deireadh mhí Lúnasa**
- **An cúigiú gearradh tar éis lár mhí Dheireadh Fómhair**

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PLANNING

	To end April 2022	To end April 2021	Total 2021
Planning Applications	220	263	831
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	6	1	5
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	17 (4)	2 (1)	13(2)

REGENERATION

Minister Humphreys TD visit to Offaly

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD visited regeneration projects in Offaly on 22nd April as part of her "Our Rural Future" roadshow including Edenderry, Derrycastle, Portarlinton and the Slieve Bloom Mountain Bike Trails at Kinnitty. These projects were funded by the Rural Regeneration Development Fund or by the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme administered by the Minister's Department. Minister Humphreys was welcomed to Edenderry by Cathaoirleach, Declan Harvey and he noted the transformational change within rural Offaly as a result of funding provided through the Government's 'Project Ireland 2040' and 'Our Rural Future' programmes for Rural Regeneration.



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Minister Humphreys officially opened Blundell Avenue, a key 'Phase I' element of the Blundell Master Plan, which was funded by the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund.

Councillor Liam Quinn, Edenderry Municipal District Cathaoirleach advised that *"the new Avenue unlocks the potential for future private and public investment and it links in with the development of a new Library and Community Space on a long-standing derelict site. The enabling rural regeneration development projects have a transformational potential to assist Edenderry Town tackle vacancy and dereliction, improve town centre connectivity, improve access to amenities and encourage investment into the town centre"*.

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Cathaoirleach Cllr Declan Harvey said, *“Offaly County Council’s vision for Edenderry is to create a town centre that is a vibrant and attractive location for people to live, work and visit, while also serving as a social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community”.*

Chief Executive of Offaly County Council, Anna Marie Delaney said, *“The Rural Regeneration & Development Fund has allowed projects of scale to be delivered in Offaly that otherwise would not be possible. With the Department and members of Offaly County Council’s support, I look forward to progressing more regeneration projects into the future.”*

Derrycastle Lakes and Trails

Co. Offaly just outside Portarlinton was next on Minister Humphreys' itinerary. Funding for this amenity project was secured under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme and includes trail enhancements and improved accessibility to the amenity. Derrycastle Lakes and Trails is a popular community amenity with potential for further development. Minister Humphreys' Department has also funded the preparation of a 10-year development plan for Derrycastle, currently at tender stage, which will set out a blueprint for further amenity, sporting & tourism development, potentially utilising various funding streams available over the coming years.



The Chief Executive of Offaly County Council, Anna Marie Delaney, complimented the voluntary work carried out by the Portarlinton Development Community Association in co-operation with Bord na Mona and Coillte in developing, promoting and maintaining Derrycastle Lakes and Trails over the past number of years and committed to supporting this amenity into the future.

Slieve Bloom Mountain Bike Trails

Later that day, Minister Humphreys visited Kinnitty village where she officially opened the Slieve Bloom Mountain Bike Trails which comprise c.80 kms of trails across two systems, one in Offaly and one in Laois, connected by a link across the top of the mountain. The trail system is one of 5 National Trails centres which will be operated by Coillte. The Slieve Bloom trails are already bringing significant visitor numbers to the area and this number is expected to be over 50,000 bikers annually. The Minister also opened a new community hub building in the centre of Kinnitty Village. This building, which will provide much needed toilet and shower facilities for visiting bikers was funded through LEADER and Community Enhancement

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grant through the Department of Rural and Community Development.



Cathaoirleach Cllr Harvey said that the day officially marked a very significant investment in the tourism infrastructure in the region, which enhances the offering of the Slieve Bloom area, including Kinnitty to both the resident and the visitor. The Slieve Bloom Mountain Bike Trails is a fantastic tourism attraction for Offaly and the wider Slieve Bloom area, which has already made an extremely positive impact in the area from an economic, social and environmental perspective.

Forward Planning

In order to stimulate debate and encourage participation in the first consultation

process before the draft Birr Local Area Plan is prepared, Offaly County Council prepared a Planning Consultation Issues Paper which was made available for inspection on 29th April 2022 online, on social media, at the Planning Section, at Birr Civic Offices and Birr library and a copy was issued to relevant persons / bodies / groups.

Notice was given in local newspapers in the first week of May in accordance with Section 20(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) that Offaly County Council intends to enter consultation in preparing the draft Birr Local Area Plan (LAP) 2023-2029, commencing with a public consultation drop-in session in Birr Civic Offices for 9th May 2022 4pm – 7pm.

Architecture / Heritage

- **BHIS 2022:** Letter of Provisional Approval to **27** successful applicants – increased allocation of **€126,400**. One project complete (Eden Row, Birr), five one site involving site visits and meetings with owners to commence.
- **HSF 2022:** 3 successful projects, plus 1 carryover from 2021, providing an Offaly allocation of **€178,000**.
- **Creative Ireland** –Annual Follies Project €10,000, Bloomfield Mausoleum underway, site visits reports etc. Vernacular Architecture fund projects €5,000
- **Follies Trust** – agreed to provide funding towards repairs of Bloomfield Mausoleum **€3,500**, additional funding from the

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Primrose Trust €6,000 also approved.

15 years Follies Trust - cover painting of Gloster Arch and article about four projects in Offaly. Launch by Minister Noonan 27 April 2022. Cover of book attached.

- **Heritage Council Stewardship Funding: €15,000** approved for OCC, 5 new Offaly projects.
- **CMF** – application by AP, Emmel Castle to be monitored by Architect, €85,000 funding

This brings the total funding in 2022 towards the conservation of the built heritage to €428,900, with 35 projects to be completed on site by October 2022.

- **Architectural/Conservation Report for Planning Applications and Pre Planning**, note significant increase in number of reports required throughout 2021. **Tullamore URDF** – ongoing assistance as required, steering group for Masterplan and Harbour Plan. Note Phase 2 of the Acres Folly project has been completed as part of this scheme and the new stair inserted to allow for managed access.
- **RRDF** - Steering Group for current Banagher project, prepare designs, drawings and mapping documents for 2022 projects, Birr, Ferbane etc. – ongoing.
- **Urban & Village Renewal, Outdoor Dining Schemes** etc: Assist MD's with successful

applications on proposed designs (Lloyd Park etc) – ongoing. Provide proposals for Mucklagh TVR with a suite of proposals.

- **Birr Courthouse** – Form part of broader 2022 RRDF application.
- **Birr Destination Town** – continue to work with team, meeting every three weeks moving on €650k Failte Ireland Funding, liaise with consultants for new entrance to The Green, FI request by Department regarding test archaeological trenches, carried out and submitted. Tender to determine costs next stage, remaining funding with determine proposed approach for Interpretation piece.
- Birr town Plan – Assist Forward Planners with current chapters 2, 3 and 4, review and comment.
- Edenderry – provide sketch proposals for possible site purchase in the town.
- **Publication on Vernacular Architecture in Offaly by Rachel Mc Kenna**, looks at Setting, Materials and Furniture, in particular focusing on the fragile remaining thatch structures in the county. Text completed c.280 pages. Edit stage. Book launch TBC 2022.
- **Team Administration** - Relevant paperwork and resources in management of 4-person team and required ongoing H&S.

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ROADS

Roads Programme 2022

The 2022 Roads programme has commenced across all of the Municipal District areas and scheme delivery is ongoing. The effects of the current inflationary environment has presented challenges across all Municipal Districts due to increases in materials, energy, plant and machinery and contractor costs. The possible net negative effects on scheme delivery is under constant review.

Birr Distributor Road

Procurement of Technical Consultancy Services for the Birr Distributor Road has commenced with the intention of having a Design Consultant appointed to the Scheme Design Phase before the end of June 2022.

N62 Corr Hill Pavement Scheme

Tenders were received in April for the proposed pavement strengthening works on 2.3Km of the N62 at Corr Hill. The completed Tender assessment report has been finalised and issued to the TII for approval to allow the Roads Department proceed to the Contract Award Stage.

Edenderry Town Inner Relief Road

Road pavement works commenced on the Edenderry Town Inner Relief Road and works are progressing well.

LIS Program 2022

The LIS program for 2022 was released on the 5th of April 2022. Offaly County Council received an allocation of €380,760 and a program of works has been compiled for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development for approval.

Active Travel

Offaly County Councils **Active Travel Team** continue to deliver on a number of agreed projects and schemes for 2022 all of which promote and facilitate the introduction and implementation of sustainable transport modes while promoting and serving Healthy Communities.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2025

The Roads Department have commenced the process of identifying locations for the installation of EV charging points across the County in accordance with 'Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2025'. It is proposed in line with the strategy that delivery of these EV charging points will be achieved by a combination of public/private partnerships, private only and or public only delivered schemes.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

Climate Action

No Mow May

Spring has officially kicked off here in Offaly and, with flowers beginning to bloom, many people are getting their gardens ready for the summer months ahead.

Did you know that frequent mowing impacts the habitat of many pollinators and has the potential to reduce the number of bees and flies? Holding back on the trimmers and lawnmowers in May, when grass growth picks up after the cold winter, can have a big positive impact on biodiversity.

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Why, you ask? After a long winter hibernation, our pollinators awake between late April and early June and need food, ideally nectar. Leaving the grass to grow gives a chance for different types of flowers to grow, especially nectar-rich flowers like dandelions, white and red clover, and oxeye daisy, which are vital for pollinators. Wild plants are the foundations of all our habitats and food webs and, if they change, whole ecosystems change too.

With this in mind, Offaly County Council (OCC) is supporting the No Mow May campaign by doing less cutting areas maintained by the council, while maintaining sightlines and safety. They are also encouraging businesses and members of the public to pause some of their mowing and weeding. Every lawn counts, no matter how big or small.

Last year, almost 100 different pollinators were spotted by No Mow May participants, including rare bees and butterflies.

Not mowing in May –and less mowing generally –also has a dramatic effect on people’s CO₂ footprint, perhaps as much as 293kg per year. It could even give you back up to 24 hours that you might otherwise spend mowing your lawn over the year and, as a cherry on top, because grass swards with more species sequester more carbon in the soil, you’ll be turning your lawn into a better carbon store too!

Environment

Litter & Waste Management

National Spring Clean

April was the month for National Spring Clean and Offaly County Council

encouraged all groups to register with An Taisce. OCC supplied litter provisions – bags, pickers and gloves to all residents interested in participating. Almost 5 tonnes of litter from 38 voluntary groups across the County was collected. This is part of 16 tonnes of litter collected from January to date with an additional 124 groups involved.

Solar bins

Offaly County Council recently purchased 5 solar compaction litter bins as a trial and these are currently in the process of being delivered. The intention is to install at least one in each MD area and to expand on the success of these bins over the summer/autumn with additional bins purchased from the Anti-Dumping Initiative Grant 2022. Bins will be installed at strategic locations agreed in consultation with the Area Engineers.

Green Schools

On 25th of May 2022, 13 schools in Offaly will be awarded their Green Flag for renewing their green theme relating to the environment. These schools have worked to introduce new environmental projects in their school while maintaining their previous themes. Schools receiving their flags are:

- Colaiste Naomh Cormac, Kilcormac
- St. Marys NS, Cloghan
- Lumcloon NS
- St. Colmans NS, Mucklagh
- Ard Scoil Chiarain Naofa, Clara
- Crinkle NS
- Oaklands Community College

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- Oxmanstown NS, Birr
- SS Peter & Pauls NS, Horseleap
- Geashill NS
- St. Joseph's NS, Arden
- Scoil Naomh Phadraig, Ballybryan
- Scoil Bhride, Ballyboy

Anti-dumping initiative

Offaly County council has been successful in their submission to WERLA for funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative. Funding towards clean-ups, radio campaign and additional solar bins will be provided, totaling €79,000. All initiatives to be completed by October 7th 2022.

Rural Water Programme

The Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021 is ongoing. Of the 19 projects awarded funding 14 are now complete and the remainder are due to be completed by the end of quarter 2/22. In addition, three Group Water Schemes have been approved for funding for projects that have arisen during the term of the current funding programme and four more projects are awaiting confirmation from the Rural Water Unit.

The next Multi Annual Rural Water Programme circular and measures is due to be issued to Local Authorities in late 2022 and we are contacting all relevant Group Water Schemes to advise them to begin preparing their submissions. In advance of that, the Rural Water Unit have issued a circular and guidance for a new MARWP measure – A8 – Waste Water Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services.

Annual Group Water Scheme Subsidy Forms have been sent out to all registered Group Water Schemes and are due to be returned to OCC by 24/06/22

Ballykilleen GWS, Edenderry MD staff and Water Services staff have worked together to provide a sampling kiosk in a safe and accessible location away from the very busy R402, making it safer for the GWS and OCC staff to take water samples:



Burial Grounds

Landscaping has been completed on the Kilreaghan Cemetery extension. The tenders for the extension for Kilcoursey cemetery are due to be opened on 09/05/22.

We are also finalising our programme of works which will be discussed at our next SPC meeting.

Flood Management

Rahan Village, Flood Relief Project

The flood relief project includes approximately 220m of embankment to protect the houses at the rear of College View, protection of the Waste Water Plant and provide a flood defence to tie in to the bridge.

Environmental Section has continued to work on project, including arranging removal of vegetation in preparation for site

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works, on site archaeological excavations and preparation of drawings for Part 8 planning process for the flood relief scheme.

It is intended that the Part 8 Planning process will commence in Q3, pending report on archaeological excavations.

Water Services

Wastewater

A number of wastewater treatment plants are under consideration for upgrade works, with consulting Engineers engaged for Edenderry, Clara and Rhode plants. The upgrade of Rahan WWTP is complete, but an ESB connection is still outstanding.

In conjunction with Birr MD, 150m of the sewer along Harbour Road Banagher has been upgraded. This had increased the capacity significantly and to date no major flooding reported along the Harbour Road.

Water

Disinfection Programme

IW plant to examine the following sites in the next fortnight: Glasshouse, Lisduff, Tully & Mountbolus.

Disinfection programme is nearing completion at Tobberdaly, Coolderry, Clonbullogue, Edenderry and Walsh Island. Design works are ongoing in Geashill and Holmshill.

Works on the upgrade of the Tullamore, Birr and Clonaslee Water Treatment plants are on-going. The three plants have now begun their 1 year operation phase, after which time they will be returned to Offaly County Council staff to operate. The

reservoir at Birr WTP is currently under construction.

Find and fix works are ongoing in Fahy Rhode, Kinnitty and Clonbullogue.

Watermain rehabilitation works are completed in Newtown Rahan, Tullamore, Fahey Rhode and on the Agall-Holmshill rising main.

Construction work has commenced on 2km of watermain in the Pollagh area.

HOUSING

Covid-19 – 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

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Housing Leasing Enquiries	leasing@offalycoco.ie
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB@offalycoco.ie

February Housing Update

- There are 510 on the Social Housing List awaiting housing support at the end of April 2022.
- A further 769 active tenancies are currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme, 5 signed up for HAP and 2 exited from HAP in April.
- At the end of April, 17 single people and 9 families were being supported in emergency accommodation.

Housing Stock – Number, Maintenance & Repair

- Total housing stock at end of April 2022 is 1983.
- 272 maintenance calls were logged in April.

Housing Capital Programme Update

- Raheen, Clara development (38 units) – The Stage 4 approval application was approved by the DHLGH on 24th February 2022. The Letter of Intent issued to the preferred Tenderer in April 2022. However, the lowest tendering Contractor has pulled out of the project stating material hyperinflation costs as the reason. The project will be retendered in May 2022 using the new Public Works Form of Contract and a new

Stage 4 application will lodge with the Department in July 2022.

- Dargan Drive, Chancery Lane (20 Units) – Stage 2 was approved on 17th November 2021. Part 8 consultation was advertised on 2nd April 2022. Period for public submissions ended on April 14th 2022. No submissions were received. Stage 3 will be submitted to the Department in Q3 2022.
- Moneygall (4 units) – Contractor commenced works on site on 31st January 2022. Due for completion in Q1 2023.
- Beechgrove, Belmont (7 units) – Project commenced on site on 10th November 2021. Due for completion in Q3, 2022.
- Sr. Senan, Edenderry (4 no. Older Person's dwellings) – Stage 4 approval was granted on 11th April 2022 and works are due to commence on site in Q2, 2022. Letter of Intent to issue shortly.
- Banagher, Kylebeg (18 Units) – Stage 4 approval received on 25th June 2021. Contractor has been appointed (Pat Loftus Construction Ltd.) and work has commenced on site. Project is due for completion in Q4, 2022.
- Circular Road, Daingean (9 units) - Stage 4 approval was received on 8th March 2022 and works were due to commence on site in May 2022, however following issue of the letter of intent the preferred contractor has pulled out of the project stating hyperinflation as the reason. Offaly County Council

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intend to appoint the next valid tenderer and in order to do so a new Stage 4 approval application will be lodged with the DHLGH in May 2022. Works should commence in late Q2, 2022.

- Circular Road, Daingean, Site 2 (10 Units) – Stage 1 approval application was granted on 3rd August 2021 for the site adjoining the OCC housing site on Circular Road. Stage 2 is due to be lodged in Q2, 2022. Consultant appointments are currently being put in place.
- Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber (9 Units) – Stage 1 approval was granted by the Department on 11th May 2021. Design Team have been appointed and all surveys completed. Stage 2 will be lodged in Q2 2022.

Vacant Houses Initiatives

- 1 Newbridge Street, Birr: Works commenced on site on 16th December 2021. Works are ongoing and due for completion at the end of May 2022.
- 4 Hillview, Holly Park, Birr: Consultant Tenders have been completed. Combined stage 2/3 approval application will be lodged in Q3, 2022.
- 121 Lakeview, Clara: Stage 1 submission will be submitted to the Department in Q2, 2022.
- 3 x Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) completed in 2021.

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes

- Cluid Housing Association: Jackson's Hill, Tullamore -

Construction ongoing on 26 units with completion date projected for May 2022.

- Oaklee: Clonminch, Tullamore (19 units) – Completion in November 2022.
- Oaklee: Kearney's Field, Tullamore (41 Units) – Completion in Q1, 2023
- Sofia Housing: Stage 2 approved (39 units) at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton. Stage 2 submission was made in October. Sophia Housing have lodged a planning application for the development – further information is being sought from the AHB.
- Sofia Housing, in a joint initiative with Midlands Simon Community, acquired Clonamore Hotel in Q3, 2020. The facility will be developed as an enhanced centre for the provision of supported accommodation for homeless people. Under the terms of a landmark agreement Midlands Simon Community will operate the facility, with a team of qualified social care workers providing support on a 24/7 basis. Following refurbishment, the facility will provide professional supports for up to 17 people.

Turnkey Developments/Part V:

- 6 Turnkey Schemes (82 units) which received departmental approval in December 2020 are progressing as follows:

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- Mucklagh, 8 units – Completion in April/May 2022
- Woodfield, Birr, 35 units - 9 completed to date.
- Bog Road, Portarlinton, 28 units - Under Construction
- Walsh Island, 4 units - Under Construction
- Tullamore, 5 units – discussions ongoing
- Cloneygowan, 2 units – completed and allocated in 2021
- 4 x Part V units in Silverbrook Drive, Tullamore have been completed and allocated.
- 7 x Part V Units at the Hawthorns, Tullamore were completed in 2021, 5 more due in April/May 2022

Housing Grants (Private)

Housing were notified on 28th March that the 2022 Allocation - Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme for private homes is €1,543,750 which is composed of €1,235,000 Exchequer funding (representing 80%), and €308,750 matching local authority funding (representing 20%) to be provided from Offaly County Council's own resources.

Housing are progressing the 2022 works programme and continue to liaise with all applicants who have been approved for works in an effort to ensure that all works are progressing and to facilitate the timely drawdown of funds.

Disabled Person's Grants (Social Housing)

On 31st March 2022 Housing were advised that the allocation for Disabled Person's Grants for Social Housing Units is €658,800 (representing 90%), with €65,880 matching local authority funding (representing 10%) is to be added from Offaly County Council's own resources.

Retrofit Programme

The Council received notification on 22nd October 2021 of an increase in their allocation under 'Just Transition for the Midlands Region' programme to €4.2m.

Lot 1&2, Birr: The Contractor for the works has been appointed (Retrofit Design Ltd.) and works are in progress on the Birr houses. Completion in Q2 2022.

Lot 3&4, Tullamore: The closing date for the Works Tender for the 42 houses in Tullamore was 24th November [2021. 4 no. tenders were returned. Works are still awaiting Department funding approval.](#)

Lot 5&6, Edenderry, Daingean, Clara, Ferbane, Shannonbridge, Cloghan: The appointed consultants have prepared the works tender which will be advertised on www.etenders.gov.ie. [When and if funding is approved by the DHLGH.](#)

LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Offaly Community Response Forum

The Community Response Forum continues to coordinate the response to the Ukraine crisis. The membership of the Forum includes the following agencies: Offaly County Council; Health Service Executive; Offaly Local Development

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Company; Offaly Volunteer Centre; TúsIa; County Childcare Committee; Department of Social Protection; An Garda Síochána; Civil Defence; Local Link Laois Offaly; Offaly Library Service; Family Resource Centres; Citizens Information Service; SVP and Laois Offaly ETB.

Meetings of the Forum were held on April, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, with useful sharing of information and co-ordination of communication of services between agencies. Offaly County Council also continues to work in co-operation with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; the International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS); the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) to provide local supports to the national response to the Ukrainian Refugee emergency.

The International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) have primary responsibility for the provision of accommodation for refugees. IPAS is working in conjunction with the Red Cross and also the City and County Managers Association (CCMA) to provide temporary emergency accommodation for refugees entering the state. However, such is the number of refugees arriving that Local Authorities have been requested to provide a series of supports including access to and/or the provision of emergency accommodation, identification of private and public accommodation and sites suitable for short, medium and long term use. Offaly County Council is working with IPAS to identify key properties and

sites and this work will continue with support from our Housing Section, Fire and Emergency Services Department and Civil Defence.

In terms of the provision of emergency accommodation, Laois Offaly ETB has made available its Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Roscrea Road, Birr. We are very thankful to LOETB and also the Centre Manager for their support and work in providing safe temporary accommodation for refugees while IPAS source more long term care. Offaly County Council is currently reviewing options for additional emergency accommodation in conjunction with local community and sporting organisations.

It will be appreciated that the nature of this crisis is continually evolving and is proving challenging for all services involved, with accommodation proving to be particularly difficult. The Community Response Forum will continue to meet regularly to keep communication lines flowing and to assist agencies to work together to meet identified needs as they arise. Our Housing and Emergency Services Sections will continue to liaise with IPAS and the Departments to provide appropriate information, inspections and linkages.

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Minister Heather Humphries speaking at the official opening of the Mountain Bike Trail Hub in Kinnitty on April 22nd. This project was funded by the LEADER Programme and the Community Enhancement Programme through Offaly's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Also pictured is John Carroll Chairman of the voluntary group that managed the project.

Age Friendly Alliance

Work has commenced on planning for the new Age Friendly Strategy, as the existing Strategy expired in 2021. An Age Friendly Walkability Audit of Clara was held on 12th April, 2022. An Age Friendly Business Workshop took place on 14th April, 2022. Orlaith Carmody, Business Consultant to Age Friendly Ireland, conducted the training with the attendees joining the more than 600 Age Friendly business champions now in place around the country. Further training will take place over the next few months.

Preparation is underway for the Age Friendly Showcase Event, which will take place in the Court Hotel, Tullamore on Tuesday 24th May, 2022 from 10am to 4pm, providing information on services and workshops from the Irish Hospice Foundation, Dental Hospital and the HSE Frailty Team.

Public Participation Network

On 7th April, 2022 Offaly PPN staff and members of the PPN Secretariat attended the Midlands Regional PPN Quarterly Meeting in Durrow, Co. Laois. It was announced that Laois PPN will host the 2022 National PPN Conference in October. A Migrant Forum meeting took place on the 13th April, 2022 and discussion took place on how to get a broad representational migrant mix.

Community Activities Fund

On 12 April 2022 Offaly County Council announced details of the 136 community groups who were awarded funding totalling €277,102 under the Community Activities Fund 2021, as approved by Offaly LCDC on Thursday 10th March 2022. Priority has been given under this fund towards assisting community groups who have struggled with meeting their operating costs during the pandemic. In addition, over €65,500 of the funding was ring fenced specifically for community playgrounds.

Comhairle na nÓg

In April, CNN took part in a Spring Clean in Edenderry. The members met and further developed topics for this year's Project: Ableism & Disability and New Communities & Racism. The Comhairle sought guidance from Midlands LGBT+ Project about sex education in Offaly. Surveys are being prepared for schools relating to Religion and Relationship & Sexual Education.

ARTS

The Arts Office

The Arts Office continues to plan for a very busy annual programme for 2022. The

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annual programme will be delivered in response to the current and anticipated restrictions, therefore will be a combination of online and where possible on the ground projects.

Continuing Programming In the Open | Faoin Spéir



A collaborative partnership, led by Offaly County Council's Arts Office, including Birr Theatre and Arts Centre and Birr Festivals

Collective, has seen an array of programming throughout the months of March – April, with events taking place in Tullamore, Birr and Lough Boora, including Behind these Walls, an incredible projected illumination at Tullamore Gaol, Music in the Park, with Music Generation, drum circles and dance performances by Amy Dolan and her dance troupe, New Wilds, Spectacular Weekend at Lough Boora Sculpture Park with a host of workshops for local schools and community groups, Birr Young Voices, Soundscapes in Nature, exhibitions at Aras an Chontae and Tullamore Library, and an installation by artist Joe Caslin at Tullamore train station, working with Tullamore asylum seekers around identity and celebrating connectivity with new communities in the county.



Creative Places

Continues to develop its programme led by Creative Lives in partnership with Offaly County Council Arts Office and Edenderry Municipal District, with a host of opportunities for artists and communities coming on stream shortly

Hullaballoo and Culture Night

Call out for proposals is currently underway

FilmOffaly

Award 2022 will shortly be advertised

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Arts Infrastructure Strategy

The Arts infrastructure Strategy for the County continues to be progressed by People Places Consulting: Caoimhín Corrigan and Siobhán O'Malley. The strategy will explore how all the Arts Infrastructure (existing and planned) can be developed in a collaborative and harmonic manner, resulting in a cohesive, complimentary and self-sustaining network of arts infrastructure that is beneficial to the whole county.

Esker Arts

Work continues with regards to the opening of Esker Arts in 2022. The Arts Office are

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continuing to develop a series of arts as part of the In the Open | Faoin Spéir project. This programme will aim to re-engage an audience / local community participation in advance of the Art Centre opening.

Edenderry Library and Arts Space

The Arts Office will be continuing to work in collaboration with the county librarian in the development of plans for a multi-purpose arts space to be incorporated into the planning of the new library for Edenderry, this will include developments as part of the Creative Places Edenderry project.

Creative Ireland

Planning for Arts Office facilitated projects is underway together with an application due to be submitted for the Creative Ireland Creativity in Older Age being developed in conjunction with Anam Beo and the library service.

Artist Support

The Arts Office continue to provide opportunities for artists to upskill and develop.

SPORTS

Funding

National grant schemes

- Funding application to support the delivery of Africa Day athletics event submitted to the Dept. of Foreign Affairs. €7,500 secured to deliver an outdoor diversity games day on the 25th May in the Tullamore Harriers
- Funding application (€3k) to support the participation of older adults in sport and physical activity

submitted to Age & Opportunity Active. Awaiting outcome of same

- Communities integration funding application (€5k) to support the relaunch of an indoor diversity games submitted to the Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth. Awaiting outcome of same
- ASPIRE (Sport Ireland funded 12-month graduate placement programme) application submitted

Local grant schemes

Cllr Robert Mc Dermott, Chair Offaly Sports Partnership has announced that 53 clubs in Offaly are to benefit from two grant schemes: -

- i. Covid19 Resumption of Sporting Activity; and
- ii. Club Development 2022

Covid19 Resumption of Sporting Activity	
BLC Development CLG	€1,500
Banagher Community Games	€1,500
Clara Community Games	€1,500
Clara Junior Badminton	€1,500
Daingean Community Games	€1,500
Edenderry Community Games	€1,500
Erry Pitch & Putt	€1,500
Ferbane Community Games	€1,500
Killeigh Community Games	€1,500
Mucklagh Community Centre	€1,500
Moneygall Community Development	€1,500
Moneygall Community Hall	€1,500
Mucklagh / Rahan / The Island Community Games	€1,500
Rath / Eglis / Drumcullen Community Games	€1,500
Rhode Community Games	€1,500

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St Brigid's Social Club	€1,500
Shinrone Community Games	€1,500
Tullamore Community Games	€1,500
Crinkle Sport & Recreation Centre	€1,480
Birr Leisure Centre	€1,425
Pollagh Community Centre	€1,200
High Street Community Hall	€1,100
Offaly Pony Club	€750
Total c19 resumption of sporting activity supports	€32,955

Club Development Grant	
Gracefield GAA	€1,500
Offaly Rowing Club	€1,500
St Brigid's Boxing Club, Edenderry	€1,500
St Manchan's LGF	€1,500
St Sinchill's Camogie	€1,500
Tullamore Camogie	€1,500
Tullamore Golf Club	€1,500
Edenderry Golf Club	€1,200
Edenderry Rugby Club	€1,200
Moneygall Soccer Club	€1,200
Shamrocks LGF	€1,200
Annaharvey Riding Club	€1,100
Banagher Snooker Club	€1,100
Clonbullogue GAA	€1,100
Clonmore Riverside Soccer Club	€1,100
Crinkle GAA	€1,100
Daingean Dragons Basketball Club	€1,100
Durrow GAA	€1,100
Kilcormac / Killoughey Camogie	€1,100
Kilclonfert GAA	€1,100
Martial Arts Academy, Birr	€1,100
Mucklagh Schoolboy / Schoolgirl Soccer Club	€1,100
Naomh Ciaran LGF	€1,100
Na Fianna LGF	€1,100

Lynx Cycling Club	€1,050
Ballinagar GAA	€1,000
Naomh Mhuire Athletics Club	€800
Seir Kieran GAA	€800
St Brigid's GAA	€515
Rhode LGF	€500
Total club development grant scheme supports	€34,265

Education & Training

- Four Safeguarding 1 (child protection) courses delivered for 79 volunteers across quarter1 and April
- Two Safeguarding 1 (child protection) and one Safeguarding 2 (club children's officer) courses to be delivered in May

Programmes - ACE

ACE in the community - after school indoor programme piloted in the Portarlinton area for 70 children

Community Sports Development Programme

- Following Denise Coghill's (Community Sports Development Officer) return to work after maternity leave in March, various community sports development programmes are now underway; and are also at development stage for summer delivery. Programmes include: -
 - activities on the green delivered / to be delivered in association with the housing section of Offaly Co

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- activator pole programmes for older adults recommencing in Edenderry in May
- secondary school rounders programme commencing in May for junior cycle students
- multi-sport camps for secondary school junior cycle students to be delivered across June and July in Tullamore, Daingean and Banagher

Dormant account funded programmes Community volunteer programme

- Offaly SP supported three clubs / organisations to avail of first aid training for 23 volunteers across quarter 1
- Community coaching programme for young people aged 16 – 25 years launched.
- The programme will take place across June and July; and will be coordinated by Patrice Delaney.
- Recruitment for the programme is currently underway

Sports Leader

- two Sports Leader training courses completed in Colaiste Naomh Cormac
- one Sports Leader training course completed in Gallen Community School
- one additional Sports Leader training course to be delivered in Gallen Community School in May

Daingean sports hub

- Robin Geraghty continues in the role of Daingean sports hub

coordinator; and is being supported in her work by Denise Coghill, Community Sports Development Officer

- Robin is supporting delivery of a number of local sport and physical activity activities with clubs and organisations in Daingean
- Daingean national school have also been supported to deliver swim classes for pupils in association with Swim Ireland

Sports inclusion development programme capital supports

- Tri golf equipment set presented to Edenderry Golf Club in February 2022
- GAA all ability kits presented to Edenderry and Rhode GAA clubs

Integration

- Offaly SP supported the delivery of a number of sport and physical activity programmes with a focus on integration through sport throughout quarter 1 and April. Programmes delivered include: -

- meet & train programme for the Marion Hostel residents in January / February 2022. Children, young people and adults took part in the programme
- footballs and basketballs provided for use by Ukrainian refugees residing in the Central Hotel. Offaly SP has also liaised with sporting organisations regarding the

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provision of temporary accommodation for Ukrainian refugees

- Tullamore Harriers Easter camp for 66 children. Over one third of the participants at the camp were from an ethnic minority background



Schools' programmes

- Phase B of the remote sprint event underway in 20 schools

Sports Inclusion Development Programme

Following Eimear Lynch's (acting Sports Inclusion Development Officer) departure from Offaly SP for a role with Kilkenny Sports Partnership; Denise Coghill, Community Sports Development Officer is temporarily overseeing delivery of elements of the sports inclusion development programme in advance of Jean Brady's (sports inclusion development officer) return from maternity leave. Various programmes underway; and also at development stage for summer delivery. Programmes include: -



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All financial and progress reports have been completed on Pobal's Online Portal. Both returns were submitted prior to the deadline of 6th May.

In total programme expenditure to the value of €250,554.33 was submitted to Pobal re: Action and Coordinator costs for the Healthy Ireland Fund Strand 1 Round 3. At present Healthy Offaly Staff are answering minor queries from Pobal regarding the submitted return. This process must conclude by 31st May 2022 when planning for Round 4 can finally begin subject to communication and direction being issued from Pobal and the Department.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Sensory Offaly Officially Launched in Tullamore Library

Cathaoirleach of Offaly County Council, Cllr Declan Harvey launched [Offaly Libraries' Sensory Room and Sensory Offaly Collection](#) on Wednesday, April 27th in Tullamore Library.

The Sensory Room is an enclosed space with great potential for self-led sensory experiences. It contains a light-up bubble tube, soft-glow cubes, a projector, and a

cosy nook with LED lighting. The



Sensory Room can be [booked online](#) from Tuesday, May 3rd.

The Sensory Offaly collection has two strands, the Sensory Offaly Book Collection and the Sensory Offaly Toys and Equipment Collection. The collection is spread across Tullamore, Birr, Edenderry and Clara libraries and can be borrowed by all library patrons.



Our Toys and Equipment Collection is suitable for people with disabilities, additional needs and learning challenges, and may be accessed by registering for a Sensory Offaly library card.

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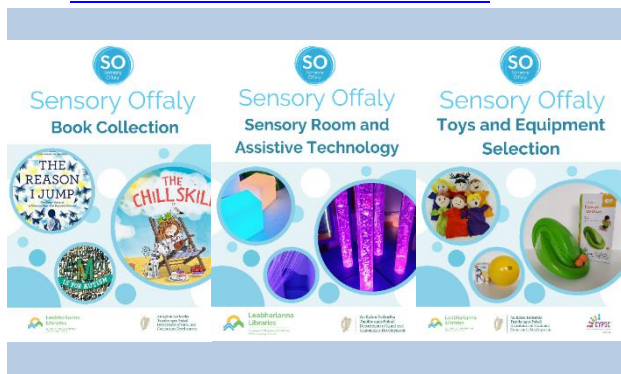
This card may be obtained at any library branch by presenting a letter of referral from a health care professional. Teachers and SNAs may also obtain this card with a referral letter from their school principal. These resources have been co-funded by Offaly County Council, the Department of Community and Rural Development, and Laois Offaly CYPSC.



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

distributed **400** Colouring pages for our Easter colouring competition which received **64 entries**. Winners will receive book tokens as prizes – so watch this space! Edenderry Library hosted a Children's Art and Craft Session on April 22nd for the first time since 2019 and 7 Storytimes were hosted in Daingean and Edenderry Libraries which saw a total of **27 attendees**. In partnership with the Family Resource Centre in Clara, Clara Library successfully delivered Easter Kits to over **100 households** around the Clara community.

You [can view the full collection here](#).



Spring Into Storytime and Easter Fun at Offaly Libraries



Another fantastic Spring Into Storytime programme was delivered across library branches this year.

As well as in-house storytimes and arts and craft events being held in Edenderry Library, we provided online storytimes across our social media platforms which had a reach of over 19,000 so far on Facebook alone.

288 Easter-themed Craft bags were handed out throughout April. We also

'Getting Citizens Online' Computer Classes



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Beginners Computer Classes resume at Edenderry Library on **Saturday 14th May** with Karen McEvoy of 'Getting Citizens Online'

As part of the government's **Digital Skills for Citizens Scheme**, this class focuses on providing people who are not online with the opportunity to gain the basic skills and confidence to start their digital journey. The class will be covering

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the following topics: Microsoft Word, Typing skills, Email, Internet Safety & Security, Online Shopping, Video, TV & Radio, Government Services & much more. Contact: 046-9731028 for more information

Bealtaine 2022



Offaly Libraries are delighted to celebrate Bealtaine 2022: Ireland's National Festival for Arts and Creativity as we age.

This year we are celebrating in-house events again in our libraries over the month of May including Flower Demonstrations in five different branches, an evening of poetry in Edenderry library and an intro to digital photography using smart phones in Daingean Library. We are excited to host the Gramophone Society in Tullamore Library for a lunchtime concert.



Clara and Kilcormac libraries were delighted to welcome **18 attendees to their Bealtaine Book Club meetings**, celebrating the Bealtaine book of 2022 titled *Freedom is a Land I Cannot See* by Peter Cunningham. Tullamore Library look

forward to their Tea and Coffee Social Morning for older patrons on Wednesday, May 11th at 11am.

Bealtaine events are available to book by [contacting libraries](#) directly, in person or over the phone.

Tech Week 2022 17th – 23rd April

As part of [Offaly Libraries STEAM School Programme](#), we enjoyed a very successful Tech Week, a nationwide festival of technology driven events aimed at students, parents and the public.

Five online events were arranged throughout the week, including a series of **Digital Literacy Webinars** delivered by **CyberSafeKids** to local schools and a **VEX Workshop** delivered by Offaly County Council's own Head of IT, Ray Bell.

We had a total number of **149 students** from 6 schools in attendance.



My Little Library Book Bags

We have been overjoyed to see all the excited faces of the children who have come in to collect their Little Library Book Bags, as part of the 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative, a collaboration between libraries and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.

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To date, Offaly Libraries have handed out over **200 Little Library Book Bags** to children who are due to start school in September.



Cruinniú na nÓg and Comic Con at Offaly Libraries

This year, **Cruinniú na nÓg**, a special day of creativity for children from 0-18 years old, will take place on **Saturday 11th June**.



There are **8 development projects** and numerous workshops for children scheduled around the county.

Children will learn new skills including glass painting, needle art and Architecture with Lego-Master, Jessica Farrell. It will be a jam-packed day of activity with **32 workshops in 8 library locations** including some



workshops on music, dance, comic and creative writing workshops and a 'make your own treasure chest' gathering.

As part of our June celebrations, we welcome back **Offaly Libraries Comic Con** on **18th June**, which will happen in **Tullamore Central Library**. The event



has been an outstanding success in previous years and we are very excited to host another innovative programme this year.

With a programme full of events, including workshops, tutorials, discussions and competitions, it's sure to keep the whole family entertained.

For details on how to book your place for workshops and enter our competitions or information on how to join in on the day, keep up to date via our [website](#) and [social media channels](#).

New eResource from Offaly Libraries

Offaly Libraries are delighted to announce



a **new addition** to our suite of resources in our eLibrary.

LOTE Online for Kids is an online

database of digital books in World Languages, that allows kids to enjoy the magic of books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English). Each book also comes with English translations to help kids learn languages. LOTE Online for Kids has over

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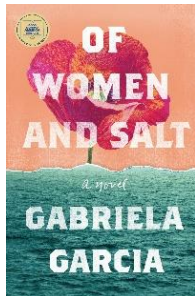


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1,350+ digital picture books in 45+ languages, with new books and languages released each month – helping libraries to engage immigrant, refugee, and multilingual families in their communities. Check it out [here](#).

Adult Book Club



Our last book club meeting took place on Thursday, May 5th where we discussed *When I Was Ten* by Fiona Cummins. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 7pm and we have chosen to read *Of Women*

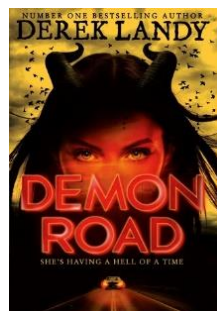
and *Salt* by Gabriela Garcia.

To register your interest in joining the Book Club, please email Tullamorelibrary@Offalycoco.ie

Young Adult Book Club

The last Young Adult Book Club took place on Thursday, April 28th and the book we discussed was *Our Chemical Hearts* by Krystal Sutherland.

Our members have chosen *Demon Road* by Derek Landy as our next read and we will be meeting to discuss the book on Thursday, May 26th. To register your interest in joining the Book Club, please email Tullamorelibrary@Offalycoco.ie



Sign up for our Library Newsletter

A quick reminder that the best way to keep up to date with all library programmes, developments and new services is via our Library Newsletter and through following

our social media channels. Currently we have **1,353 subscribers** to the newsletter. The link to subscribe to our newsletter is here; [Offaly Libraries Newsletter](#).

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

National Student Enterprise Awards

Congratulation to Cian Conway from Tullamore College who has won 3rd place in the **My Entrepreneurial Journey Competition Junior Category National Student Enterprise Awards**. This competition is part of The Student Enterprise Programme, an initiative run by the Network of Local Enterprise Offices of Ireland, and is Ireland's largest and most successful student enterprise programme with over 26,000 second level students taking part each year.



Local Enterprise of the Year Award

Offaly based
yoghurt maker
Glenisk has won the
Local Enterprise of

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the Year award at the fourth Irish Times Business Awards!

Glenisk has earned every last ounce of its trophy having suffered a devastating fire last September at its factory. Demonstrating remarkable resilience, the State's largest yoghurt maker resumed production earlier this year in a move that restored many of its popular range of products to supermarket shelves.

Most Enterprising Primary School Student (or Students)!

Local Enterprise Office Offaly received lots of applications from schools from all around the county for this year's **Most Enterprising Student Awards**. The initiative is designed to introduce the concept of business to primary school children.

The awards will take place at a presentation ceremony in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Monday, 23rd May 2022. The nominated children are invited to set up a display table of their work and have their products available for sale on the day if they wish.

Innovation and Remote Working Hubs

Business Development Manager of The Junction Innovation Centre in Tullamore, Mary Hensey, recently had the opportunity to show Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD our Innovation & remote working hub [E-hive Edenderry](#).

Our hubs offer calm modern workspaces with all the facilities needed to be creative and productive while offering networking opportunities with other like-minded

business professionals from a variety of industries. Further details on Offaly co-working hubs such as stream BIRR, E-hive Edenderry, The Junction, Business Innovation Centre - Offaly and Creative 65 are available on our [website](#).



Innovation Arena Awards 2022 at the National Ploughing Championship

Enterprise Ireland's Annual Innovation Arena

Awards 2022 has been officially launched, as the competition physically returns to this year's National Ploughing Championship event.



The Innovation Arena Competition, which is run in partnership with the National Ploughing Association, is an annual competition that invites businesses and innovators in the agritech sector to enter their pioneering agri-related products and services for consideration. More details [available here](#).

Upcoming Courses and Initiatives

For details on our upcoming training courses, please click on the link below <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly/>

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Best Wishes to James Hogan on his retirement

After over 40 years in Offaly County Council in many roles, most recently as Senior Enterprise Development Officer in the Local Enterprise Office, we wished James a happy retirement. It was great to be able to return to having a get together and a presentation to James in the Áras.



Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

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Revenue Account Grant Income & Payroll Summary to 30th April 2022

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	Full Yr Budget 2022 €m	Preliminary Value to April 2022 €m	% Year To Date
Payroll costs	29.81	8.34	28.0%
Grants and Subsidies Income	37.98	9.82	25.8%

OCC to 30th April 2022

	<u>Rates</u> €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1, 2022	2.77	0.48	0.125
Net Invoices & Adjustments, waivers	16.63	2.52	0.171
2022 Cash Collected to end of April	5.56	2.36	0.177
Closing Balance April 30th , 2022	13.83	0.64	0.120

2021 Cash collected to April 30th

	1.95***	2.15	0.19
% Collection at this point in 2021	285%	110%	93%

*** Collections impacted in 2021 and 2022 by waiver uncertainty and effect of lockdowns

<u>Bank Overdraft to 30th April 2022</u>		% YTD
Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date	31	26%
Bank Interest and non conforming charges to April 30th 2022 YTD	€7,202	
Bank Administration and transactional charges to April 30th 2022 YTD	€9,614	

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