

ACTIVITIES
REPORT
2022

Municipal District Operations and Rural Development

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#### Foreword from Chief Executive

The Municipal District Operations & Rural Development directorate is a key service delivery provider within the Council. Its brief is broad and far reaching and the services that it delivers benefit us all – from young to old, from parks to playgrounds, town centre rural regeneration to beaches and sporting infrastructure, the contribution that our Municipal Districts make enriches all of our lives.

The Library Services and Arts Office have had a particularly eventful year, adapting their services to meet ever increasing demands. The arts and creative industries sector contributes in a big way to the quality of life in Cork County – socially, culturally and economically. Cork County Council dug deep to ensure that the sector was nurtured and supported to the greatest possible extent during the pandemic and, with the re-opening of society in 2022, we had an opportunity to roll out a range of cultural initiatives and supports.



The Municipal Districts are a key enabler and facilitator of community and economic wellbeing across our towns, villages and rural areas. The MDs – through initiatives such as Community Fund, Town Development Fund, town and village renewal, rural regeneration, MD painting schemes etc – were instrumental in enhancing community and business confidence across our county. A strong emphasis was placed on tackling dereliction; this is a major challenge in today's world, not just in Cork County but across the country. The Council – through its Municipal Districts – worked closely with properties to effect improvements in the built environment. This is a labour intensive and time consuming process and there is a limit to the council's powers in this regard.

The Council invested significantly in a wide range of recreation and amenity assets, as well as capital projects including Mallow Castle Playground, Briery Gap Macroom, and Kinsale library, the latter which is expected to open in Summer 2023. This unprecedented level of investment by Cork County Council reinforces the message that Cork County is a safe place to live, visit and to do business.

The overall diversity and spread of project initiatives that are set out in this report demonstrates the level of activity and investment by Cork County Council across the county, and I am confident that the coming years will generate many more exciting projects for us all to enjoy.

### Foreword from the Mayor of the County of Cork

2022 was a year that impacted all of our lives. On the one hand, the restrictions that the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in were gradually eased and we were all able to get out and about again and reacquaint ourselves with all that our beautiful county has to offer. The year also saw the outbreak of war in Ukraine, and the flight of millions of people seeking international protection. It gave me pleasure to experience the warm welcome that our communities showed to those seeking refuge. The Council established a Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis Community Response Forum and this forum has worked exceptionally well in bringing together the wide range of stakeholders - public and private, as well as community leaders - to plan and coordinate an integrated response across the county. The Forum was supported by a network of 19 no. Community Support Hubs which were established across the county and which provided essential community supports to the new arrivals in our communities.



There is no doubt that 2022 was an exciting year, a year where a wide range of projects were devised and implemented. The Council placed a strong focus on providing supports to business and the arts. This work – driven politically and locally through the Municipal Districts – placed Cork County Council to the fore as a key enabler of local community and economic development..

As Mayor of the County of Cork, I am proud of how our people remained resilient and focussed, helping each other and the communities around us. The Library, Arts and Age Friendly services made a really positive impact on people's lives. The Municipal Districts across the county met the challenges head-on, and delivered for the people of our county.

Cllr. Danny Collins, Mayor of the County of Cork

### Introduction

The Municipal District Operations and Rural Development Directorate, was established in 2014 in order to reinforce the role that Municipal Districts would play in serving the citizens of Cork County.

The Municipal Districts provide a wide variety of services which include the provision of School Wardens, operation of Town parking, litter control, street cleaning, burial ground and playground maintenance. The Municipal Districts are also responsible for the delivery of projects funded through national funding schemes which include the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and Clár.

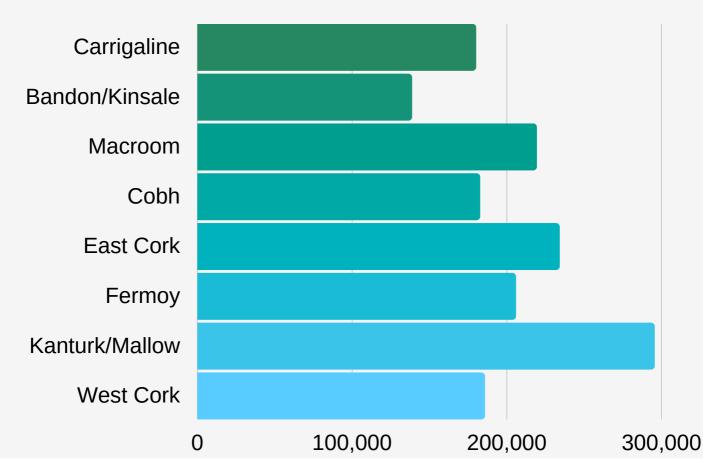
The directorate is also made up of the Architects Department, Library Service and Arts Service. This report provides a summary of activities in 2022.



In 2022 the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) fund allowed the continued support of circa 600 groups which saw the many projects supported, categorised under Amenity Grants, Capital Grants and Community Contract Schemes.

In 2022 €1.8 million was the GMA, with circa €1.7 million allocated to the Community Fund.





## Capital Fund Scheme

- 44 Organisations involved
- €511,500 spent

Projects included development of playgrounds and development of community facilities.



# Amenity Fund Scheme

- 314 Groups across all 8 Municipal Districts
- €684,342 spent

Projects included the purchase of equipment for clubs/groups and upgrade of community facilities.



## Community Contracts

- 197 groups
- €445,408 spent

These contracts allowed Tidy Towns and community groups to undertake works and small scale projects which enhanced many areas.

### **Tidy Towns**

Each group is required to agree with Municipal District Officers and Local Engineers. This collaboration ensures that all stakeholders are continuously working towards agreed goals specific to their area.

The majority of Cork County's Tidy Towns groups continually put themselves forward for assessment under the National Tidy Towns Competition. Applicants for this competition are assessed over the course of a number of months under a number of headings which include Community, Nature, Biodiversity and Sustainability.



#### **Tidy Towns Awards**

Gold Medal

Rosscarbery Clonakilty Youghal Kinsale Cobh Carrigaline Bantry

Silver Medal

Coolagown Macroom Timoleague Skibbereen

Bronze Medal

Castletownroche
Millstreet
Kilbrittain
Bandon
Eyeries
Rathbarry
Ballydehob

#### Special Awards

- Young Persons in Tidy Towns: Cobh Tidy Towns
- Waters & Communities Award: Cobh Tidy Towns & Clean Coast Cobh
- All-Ireland Pollinator Plan Local Authority Pollinator Award: Cobh Tidy Towns
- Endeavour Award: Knocknagree
- Endeavour Award: Durrus

#### **Island Awards:**

- Highly Commended: Sherkin Island West Cork
- National Award Winner: Bere Island Cork West









#### Cork County Council Local Electoral Area Boundaries

The post boundary review population of Cork County Council, as recorded under the 2016 Census, has been determined by the Central Statistics Office to be 332,015. Census 2022 confirmed that the population in Cork County area increased to 358,898. The Minister, on the recommendation of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee, divided the County into 10 local electoral areas.

The 10 local electoral areas comprise 8 Municipal Districts as follows:

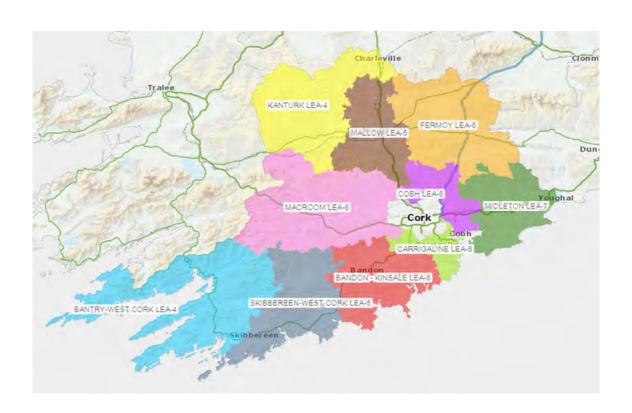
#### **Municipal Districts**

- Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District comprising Bandon-Kinsale local electoral area
- 2. Carrigaline Municipal District comprising Carrigaline local electoral area
- 3. Cobh Municipal District comprising Cobh local electoral area
- 4. Fermoy Municipal District comprising Fermoy local electoral area
- 5. East Cork Municipal District comprising East Cork local electoral area / Midleton local electoral area
- Kanturk-Mallow Municipal District comprising Kanturk local electoral area and Mallow local electoral area
- 7. Macroom Municipal District comprising Macroom local electoral area
- 8. West Cork Municipal District comprising Clonakilty-Skibbereen local electoral area and Bantry local electoral area.



The 8 Municipal Districts are served by 55 members as set out below:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members	Population 2016	Population per member
Bandon-Kinsale	6	37,269	6,212
Bantry	4	22,424	5,606
Carrigaline	6	35,141	5,857
Cobh	6	34,117	5,686
Fermoy	6	36,406	6,068
Kanturk	4	24,935	6,234
Macroom	6	36,844	6,141
Mallow	5	29,157	5,831
Midleton	7	45,441	6,492
Clonakilty-Skibereen	5	30,281	6,056



## **MACROOM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**



#### **TOWNS**

Macroom, Millstreet

#### **KEY VILLAGES**

Ballingeary - Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh, Ballymakeera / Ballyvourney, Baile Mhíc íre / Baile Bhuirne, Coachford, Kilumney / Ovens

#### **VILLAGES**

Aherla, Aghabullogue, Cloughduv, Clondrohid, Crookstown, Crossbarry, Dripsey, Inchigeelagh, Kilnamartyra – Cill na Martra, Kilmurry, Model Village (Dripsey), Rylane/Seiscne, Stuake/Donoughmore, Farnanes, Kilmichael, Coppeen, Tarelton

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### Macroom Municipal District

#### **Boundary Alteration**

Following the local elections in June 2019 the boundary for Macroom Municipal District changed with Blarney being removed and the area being expanded to now include Millstreet. Areas such as Kilmichael, Tarelton, Inchigeelagh and Ballinora now come under Macroom MD.

#### Councillors

The following Councillors represent Macroom Municipal District:



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#### **Activities Report 2022**

2022 was another particularly busy year in Macroom Municipal District with numerous capital projects commenced, underway & completed during the year as follows:

## The following projects in the Macroom MD are underway in conjunction with the Architects Department

- Macroom Library & Briery Gap Project
- > St. Colman's Church of Ireland Project

Mill Dam/Masseytown

South Square Public Realm

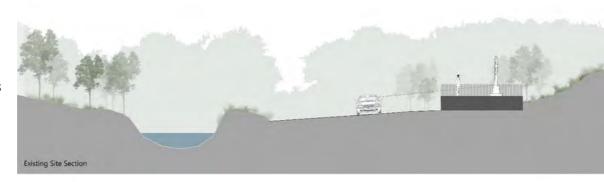
Further information regarding those projects is available in the Architect section of this report.

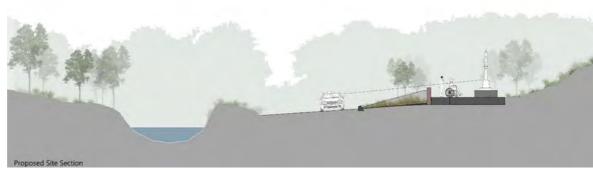
#### Béal na Bláth Project

2022 marked the centenary commemoration of the Michael Collins death in August 2022. To mark this historic event, the Council, supported by the Departments of Defence, An Taoiseach & Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht convened a multidisciplinary team to redesign & improve access to the area around the monument. This design was developed with in tandem with the Design Code. The Council's working team established consisted of Senior Architect, Heritage Officer, County Archaelogist, Senior Executive Officer & Municipal District Officer, MDORD & Senior Executive Engineer Macroom Roads Area. This collaborative project was completed with the assistance of the Béal na Bláth Commemorative Committee. A historic map detailing the events of the Béal na Bláth Ambush was commissioned by the County Archaeologist & Heritage Officer, assisted by Macroom Municipal District.

The project at Béal na Bláth was designed & developed in line with the Design Code and works to the area were completed by Arkil. This project involved a redesign of the area around the Michael Collins monument, universal access, realignment & narrowing of the road, inclusion of car parking. The history of this significant monument has been preserved & celebrated with the completion of this project. The visitor now has an immersive experience of the final journey of Michael Collins and the historic significance of this location in Ireland's past history.

This project was fully completed in time for the centenary commemoration of the death of Michael Collins which was held on Sunday 22nd August 2022. This historic event was attended by An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin & An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar. This event was organised by the local Commemorative Committee, assisted by Cork County Council. This event attracted thousands of visitors to mark this historic date in Ireland's history.









1) Béal na Bláth Project. 2) Béal na Bláth Ambush Booklet. 3) Béal na Bláth.

#### **Historic Town Maps for Macroom & Millstreet**

Historic Town Maps for Macroom & Millstreet were completed & launched by the MD Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lynch during 2022. These maps were commissioned through the County Archaeologist's Office with significant input from local volunteers & historians from both towns. Both the Macroom Tidy Towns & Millstreet Tidy Town Groups were very involved in this project from an early stage and assisted in suggesting the locations in each town. Each map has identified its key historic locations with a visual & brief detail of the location. These maps are widely available in each town at the local Council offices, libraries & museums.





Launch of Macroom Historic Town Map.
 Launch of Millstreet Historic Town Map.

#### **Macroom Playground Refurbishment Project**





Macroom Playground - Before

In February 2022 the Cork County Mayor, Cllr Gillian Coughlan officially launched the newly refurbished playground at Sleaveen Macroom. The updated playground makes use of several original features which were renovated and repainted. New equipment suitable for younger and older children has been installed including a new spacenet as well as junior and senior mega multiplay units. A mother & child swing, together with a universal swing forms part of the features which is huge addition to the playground facility. The Cork County Council project saw the surface of the playground replaced. The seating areas have been renovated and new signs, together with a Communications Board have been added to the facility.









1) Macroom Playground - After. 2-4) Opening of newly refurbished Macroom Playground.



#### Monument in Millstreet

The works to the Monument in The Square, Millstreet included the removal of the old plinth & installation of a new tiered plinth around the structure. This project was completed in consultation & agreement with the local Commemorations Committee and it was entirely funded through the MD Town Development Fund, together with contribution from the local Committee. All works to the monument have now been completed. Locals are very pleased with upgrade & enhancement to the monument.

Newly refurbished area around Monument in Millstreet

#### **Community Fund**

The 2022 Community Fund was maintained at the 2021 rate of  $\in$ 197,253. In addition, there were some lapsed fund allocations that were re-allocated as part of the 2022 Community Fund allocations. These lapsed allocations totalled  $\in$ 21,974, thus giving a total of  $\in$ 219,227 allocated to eligible applicants of the 2022 Community Fund.

The Members allocated this funding to various local groups and organizations. This Fund assists local voluntary groups in providing or improving the facilities they offer. Local sporting groups gain assistance through this Fund which enables them to provide additional, new and improved facilities. Significant funding is also provided to the Tidy Towns groups in the Municipal District to enable them to carry out enhancements to their locality for entry in the National Tidy Towns Competitions. The Capital Fund assists some of the bigger projects going on in the communities with for example assistance provided in 2022 towards the completion of walkways in local GAA grounds etc.

Overall, it resulted in 68 eligible applications being awards funds under either the Capital, Amenity or Community Contracts. This Fund is growing in popularity each year. The Members also agreed to retain their Discretionary Fund contained in the Amenity Fund.

2022 COMMUNITY FUND ALLOCATIONS TOTAL ALLOCATION €219,227			
	No. of Applications	Total Allocation	
Amenity Fund	48	€100,327	
Members Discretionary Fund		€5,000	
Capital Fund	11	€86,500	
Community Contract	9	€27,400	
TOTAL	68	€219,227	

The Municipal District is working with all groups that have encountered difficulties in completing projects and extensions of time to complete the projects are being considered on a case by case basis.

Some of the completed projects assisted by this Fund are shown below.













1-3) Ballyvourney Tidy Towns. 4) Improvements to community facility in Cúl Áoda. 5) New picnic area at The Island in Inchigeelagh.
 6) Improvements to pitch & hedges by Inniscarra Camogie Club.

















1-2) Upgrade of walkway by Cloughduv Hurling club. 3) Improvements to toilets at Aubane Social Club. 4) Community Fund – Crookstown Grotto works. 5-6) Lakewood Tennis club. 7-8) Project by Donoughmore Writers & Historical Group to honour St Lacteen's anniversary.

#### **Village Enhancement Scheme**

2021 - €68,750

The 2021 Village Enhancement Scheme was completed in Q1 2022 and was divided into the following 2 projects:

- Installation of Speed Safety Measures €30,000
- Village Enhancements to Clondrohid Village €38,750

Speed activated signs were installed at the following locations:

Kilmichael	Two Signs
Kilumney	One Sign
Crookstown	One Sign
Ballydaly	Two Signs
Stuake	Two Signs
Dripsey	One Sign





Speed Activated Signs

The village enhancements completed in Clondrohid village were:

- New set down area for the local school & creche by tarmacking area & lining it
- Id flowerbeds replanted with pollinator friendly, biodiversity planting
- New seating added to the walkway & grounds near the GAA grounds & seating in Curragh Road which is a very popular local route for walkers
- New equipment for local Age Friendly group

The Cathaoirleach of Macroom MD, Cllr Eileen Lynch visited Clondrohid to see the great work completed & was joined by the local representatives.







1-3) 2021 Village Enhancement Scheme - Clondrohid.

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#### 2022 - €68,750

The Members agreed to divide the 2022 Scheme into 2 separate projects, as follows:

- Installation of Speed Safety Measures at a number of locations -€18,000
- Village Enhancement Works to Aherla Village €50,750

The installation of the speed safety measures are being installed in the following locations:

Aherla	One Sign
Cill na Martra	One Sign
Crookstown	One Sign
Killumney	One Sign
Carriganimma	One Sign
New Tipperary	One Sign

The village enhancements to Aherla Village were agreed with the local community group & works are continuing on the projects.

The following projects were agreed for completion in the village:

- A village seating area with an interpretative sign & bike stands. This area will also accommodate the newly purchased Christmas tree during each festive season
- · Creed's Cross improvement works
- Two speed activated signs to be erected in the village, locations agreed
- Improved road markings in the village
- · Improved lighting in the village

Works to the seating area are nearing completion, with work continuing on the other projects and it is anticipated that they will be entirely completed during Q2 2023, weather permitting.





#### 2022 Town Development Fund

The 2022 Town
Development Fund was also
maintained at the 2021 rate
of €98,000. It was agreed
that this Fund would go
towards the following
projects for both Macroom &
Millstreet. The allocation
was divided as follows:

TOTAL TDF FOR 2022 - ALLOCAT	ION OF €98,00	00
	Macroom	Millstreet
Christmas Lights Funding	€12,000	€8,000
General Festival Provision - Macroom	€4,000	
St Patrick's Day Festival Macroom	€10,000	
Floral Displays Macroom	€4,000	
Macroom Castle Demesne Project	€5,000	
Michael Collins Centenary Commemoration Event	€5,000	
Works to St. Colman's Church of Ireland Building	€10,000	
New Floodlights for Carnegie Hall Millstreet		€10,000
Refurbishment of Drishane Picnic Area Millstreet		€30,000
Overall Total	€50,000	€48,000







1) St Patrick's Day Festival. 2) LGBTQ+ Interagency Week - Macroom. 3) LGBTQ+ Interagency Week - Millstreet.

#### **Clár Funding**

2021

Under Clár 2021 funding of €48,375 was received by CCC & Millstreet Tidy Towns towards the refurbishment of Millstreet Pollinator Park. This project was completed & launched by the MD Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lynch during 2022 and involved the following elements:

- · Clearance of entire area
- Framing of the park with the inclusion of new walkways
- Covered centre pagoda & entrance pagoda
- · Additional biodiversity & pollinator friendly planting
- Wildflower meadow planted at the rear of the park









1-2) Millstreet Pollinator Park - Before

3-4) Millstreet Pollinator Park - After



Opening of newly refurbished Millstreet Pollinator Park

#### 2022

Under Clár 2022, Macroom Municipal Districts had 4 successful project announcements to a total value of €207,505. These projects will be completed, drawn down & launched during 2023.

An outline of the successful projects are detailed hereunder:

#### Measure 1 Tranche 1

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Approved
Millstreet Men's Shed	Essential Renovations to Millstreet Old Fire Station to facilitate Millstreet Men's Shed group meetings	€38,700
Coiste Forbatha Béal Átha n' Ghaorthaidh	Renovations to the public toilets	€46,440

#### Measure 1 Tranche 2

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Approved
Millstreet Community Council	Renovations to the community gym	€50,000
Scoil Naomh Abán Baile Mhic Íre	Convert unused piece of land into community space with multiple uses	€22,365

#### Measure 2 Tranche 1

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Approved
Millstreet and District Housing Association	Purchase of wheelchair accessible eight-seater small bus	€50,000

#### **Community Support Hubs - Ukrainian Crisis**

During 2022 the Council's Chief Executive reconvened the Community Response Forum with the 8 Municipals District reconvening the Community Support Hubs that were originally set up 2 years ago in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This time these Community Support Hubs were convened in response to the potential Ukrainian needs which may arise in each Municipal District.

A number of meetings were held of the Macroom & Millstreet Community Support Hubs via MS Teams.

Membership of these hubs includes representatives from local agencies (i.e. Tulsa, Dept of Social Protection, HSE, Community Welfare Officer, Family Resources Centres and Local Development Companies), together with local groups / reps (i.e. school principals, tidy towns representative and local Councillors).

The central aim of these meetings was to enable information sharing across stakeholders and support services around Macroom & Millstreet and to identify supports that may already be in place. It was also an opportunity to identify any current or potential service provision gaps and challenges in providing supports delivery.

As IPAS (International Protection Accommodation Services) is the lead provider, any issues that arose at the hub meetings were fed to the Community Response Forum who in turn linked in with IPAS.

#### **Cycle Parking Location for Macroom MD**

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has approved funding of the following proposed locations put forward. The 16 locations approved are as follows:

Town / Village	Proposed location of cycle parking ( Street / Area)
Macroom	Town Square
Macroom	Masseytown (near Fairy Garden)
Macroom	Castle Street (near St Colman's Church)
Macroom	South Square (near Briery Gap Building)
Macroom	Fair Green (near parking spaces)
Macroom	Sleaveen (near playground)
Macroom	Macroom Town Park
Millstreet	Millstreet Town Park
Millstreet	Millstreet Pollinator Park

Town / Village	Proposed location of cycle parking ( Street / Area)
Millstreet	Drishane Picnic Area
Coachford	Village Centre
Ovens	Village Centre
Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh	Village Centre
Inchigeelagh	Village Centre
Clondrohid	Village Centre
Gougane Barra	Village Centre

#### 2022 Macroom Christmas Market

Macroom Municipal District held its traditional Christmas Market in Town Square after its absence in 2020 due to Covid-19 & cancellation in 2021 due to poor weather conditions and it was launched by MD Cathaoirleach, Cllr Eileen Lynch. On the day the road was closed at the public toilets to facilitate the erection of a marquee in the Square to accommodate additional stalls and to allow for the safe passage of visitors through the market. The market this year had many new stalls, together with the traditional stalls and those that trade each Tuesday. A marquee was erected in the Town Square for the day to accommodate the additional traders. Upstairs in Town Hall was also opened up for trading and this year the space was predominantly dedicated to the Transition Year students throughout the Municipal District who have formed mini companies & were selling their items. A new addition this year was Macroom School of Art who provided art demonstrations and workshops, free of charge which were suitable for everyone. This addition proved very popular on the day with many making their own Christmas cards.









#### **Drishane Picnic Area Millstreet**

Enhancement works to the Drishane picnic area in Millstreet were undertaken to this area which was in need of some improvements. The works undertaken include:

- Removal of old fencing & replace with new more attractive bollards
- Clear area & reseed green areas
- Remove old picnic benches & replace with new disability friendly benches
- Installation of car parking spaces
- Tarmacking of walking path & areas around the benches
- New planters & planting of biodiversity pollinator friendly plants

This project has been funded through the Town Development Fund & it is anticipated that this project will fully completed during Q1 2023, weather permitting.





1-2) Drishane Picnic Area Millstreet

#### **National Pride of Place Awards**

Rylane Community Park Association was one of finalists at this year's National Pride of Place awards ceremony which took place on Saturday 21st January 2023 in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin. It was such an achievement for this small but very active community group to make it to the final of this year's awards & great credit is due to all the members for their dedication & commitment to their community. To get to the final was no easy feat. It involved a presentation to a judging panel to showcase the work completed to date & the future plans that the group have for their area. There was so much competition in their category that it was such an achievement to get to the final of this year's event. MD Cathaoirleach, Cllr Eileen Lynch accompanied members of the group to this year's awards ceremony held in Dublin.

## CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



#### **TOWNS**

Carrigaline, Crosshaven, Passage West/Glenbrook/Monkstown, Ringaskiddy

#### **VILLAGES**

Ballynora, Minane Bridge, Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan, Halfway, Shanbally

#### **OTHER LOCATIONS**

Myrtleville, Roberts Cove, Goggins Hill, Curraghbinny, Farmers Cross, Raffeen, Waterfall, Nohoval

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### Carrigaline Municipal District

#### **Boundary Alteration**

Following the local elections in June 2019 the boundary for Carrigaline Municipal District changed with Ballincollig being removed and the area being expanded to now include Crosshaven. Areas such as Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan and Minane Bridge now come under Carrigaline MD.

#### Councillors

The following Councillors represent Carrigaline Municipal District:



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With the country recovering from COVID 19 lockdowns, open air and active travel pursuits remained high on people's agendas and Carrigaline MD used all resources available to it to support local communities, to enhance public spaces, and to promote active travel in it's administrative area.

#### **Community Fund 2022**

Community Groups across Carrigaline Municipal District continued to be supported in 2022 by means of the Community Fund, consisting of the Amenity Fund, Community Contract, and the Capital Fund. The Elected Members allocated the funding to various groups and organisations in the Municipal District. The fund assists local voluntary groups in the provision of new facilities and in improving their existing facilities. Local sporting groups are enabled to provide additional and improved facilities. The Tidy Towns groups receive significant funding so that they can enhance their localities and enter the national Tidy Towns competition. In 2022, we were delighted that Carrigaline Tidy Towns received a Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns competition. The Capital Fund allows community groups, sporting and local organisations in County Cork to undertake infrastructural projects costing over €20,000 that will improve the range or quality of community-based facilities within their area.

#### Overall, in 2022:



At the February 2022 meeting, Carrigaline Municipal District Elected Members agreed to commit €3,600 towards the Members' Discretionary Fund to support community groups, individuals and local organisations in the Carrigaline Municipal District who wish to undertake a specific project, endeavour or initiative which does not fall within the scope of the Community Grant scheme.

received funding under the Community Contracts

### 2022 Town Development Fund

Carrigaline Elected Members allocated the  $\in$ 120,000 fund towards the following projects:

Category	Allocation
Festival Lights Carrigaline	€10,000
Festival Lights Passage West	€4,000
Festival Allocation 2022 Carrigaline	€5,500
Festival Allocation 2022 Crosshaven	€3,500
Festival Allocation 2022 Passage West	€2,000
Festival Alloction 2022 Ballygarvan	€1,500
Shopfront Improvement/Residential Paint Scheme	€20,000
Power Washing of Carrigaline Town Centre	€11,000
Power Washing of Passage West Town Centre	€5,200
Power Washing of Crosshaven Village Core	€5,200
Power Washing of Ringaskiddy Village Core	€4,000
Floral Displays Passage West	€5,000
Playground Equipment Carrigaline MD	€30,000
Urban Forestry	€3,500
Carrigaline Arts Collective	€1,000
Passage West Library ancillary works	€3,000
Newport News, Virginia, US Twinning	€5,000

#### Ballinhassig Village Enhancement Scheme 2021

The sum of €68,750 which was made available to the Ballinhassig Community Association through the Village Enhancement Scheme allowed the group to create a new pedestrian crossing in the village centre, a new footpath, gateway signs coming in from the western end of the village, and additional public lighting, and these works were finalized late in 2022.

## Minane Bridge Village Enhancement Scheme 2022

After a number of meetings in 2022 between local community groups and MD staff a list of projects was drawn up, to be carried out in 2023. Landscaping, kerbing, signage, and planters are amongst the projects which will be carried out this year.

#### Town and Village Renewal / Ringaksiddy Community Centre

A €143,000 project involving roof replacement works to Ringaskiddy Community Hall was completed in 2022. Funding was provided through the 2019 Town and Village Renewal Scheme (coordinated by the Department of Rural & Community Development), and supplemented with match funding of €43,000 from Cork County Council. The refurbished Community Hall was officially launched by the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, in December 2022.



Ringaskiddy Community Hall (new roof)

## Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2021

- 1) Using a €20,000 ORIS grant, a new walking trail was developed in 2022 at Graball Beach, Crosshaven.
- 2) Carrigaline MD took delivery of 7 new bicycle repair stations, made possible by funding received under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.



Graball Walking Trail, Crosshaven.

## Sports Capital & Equipment Grant

- 1) A new Multi-Use Games Area MUGA costing €40,000 was developed in Camden, Crosshaven A Sports Capital Grant of €28,000 was put towards the cost, and the balance of €12,000 was allocated by Carrigaline MD Elected Members from the 2022 Town Development Fund. The MUGA was officially launched by the County Mayor, Cllr. Danny Collins, on the 7th of July 2022 and the feedback from the local community has been entirely positive.
- 2) A Sports Capital Grant of €20,000 enabled the Ballinhassig Community Association to further progress a project involving a new fitness trail, and the provision of a new playground.



Launch of new MUGA at Crosshaven by County Mayor.

#### **Fountainstown Car Park**



Cork County Council spent €70,000 resurfacing and relining the car park at the popular Fountainstown Beach. An area strictly for use by casual traders has been marked out inside the car park, which will encourage the traders to move away from their current beach wall location, thereby increasing pedestrian safety and enhancing the sea view for all.



1) Fountainstown Car Park resurfaced and re-lined (marked for casual traders).

<sup>2)</sup> Resurfaced and Re-lined Fountainstown Car Park.



#### Blue Flag and Green Coast Flags

In 2022, Fountainstown was awarded a Blue Flag and a Green Coast Flag by An Taisce. It was the first time in 30 years that Fountainstown achieved a Blue Flag, and it was a great cause of celebration.



#### Passage West Playground

Equipment upgrade works at Passage West playground were made possible by an allocation by the Carrigaline MD Elected Members from the 2022 Town Development Fund. The new play equipment was warmly received by all visitors to the playground and the wider community.

#### **Completion of Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021**

Passage West was one of the towns in County Cork that were chosen to be part of the above scheme. 18 applications were approved in the sum of circa €65,000. The scheme covered works such as painting of building/shopfronts, decluttering and repair of shopfronts and improvements to shopfront window displays and staging. In 2022 all works were completed, and grants were paid to successful applicants.

#### **Name the Road Competition**

Carrigaline Municipal District launched a competition in June to pick the name for the new Carrigaline Western Relief Road, following a proposal by the Carrigaline MD Elected Members. Children attending schools in Carrigaline, and members of the public were invited to submit their proposed name, which should recognize the links to Carrigaline's past while also considering the towns future.

A total of 145 entries were received for this competition. Entries were considered based on background, reasoning behind the name, and link to the location, and we had numerous suggestions for the same name. The entries were shortlisted to 5 names, and as per the rules of the competition, the Carrigaline Elected Members chose Pottery Road as the winning name. At MD meeting held on 27th September, the names of 27 people who had suggested Pottery Road were put in a hat, and the MD Chair Cllr. Ben Dalton chose the winning entrant, Jennifer O'Donnell of Carrigaline.

Pottery Road was officially launched by the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, and by the County Mayor, Cllr. Danny Collins on the 8th October, 2022. The road has dramatically improved the traffic situation in Carrigaline.



Launch of "Name the Carrigaline Western Relief Road" Competition

## Civic Reception for Jim Murphy

On the evening of 4th October, a Civic Reception was hosted by Carrigaline Municipal District at County Hall to acknowledge and celebrate Jim Murphy's (of the Passage West Maritime Museum) lifelong commitment to his hometown of Passage West. The Chair of Carrigaline MD, Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan, made a presentation to Jim at the reception, and the Elected Members thanked Jim for his contribution to Passage West over the year.



Civic Reception - presentation by Carrigaline MD Chair Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan to Jim Murphy, Passage West









1) Ballinhassig Fitness Trail. 2) Carrigaline Tidy Towns Community Contract - Half life size train sculpture to commemorate the old Cork, Blackrock and Passage Railway (CBPR) that was extended from 1903 to 1933 to serve Carrigaline and Crosshaven. 3) CARRIALINE TIDY TOWNS - Gold Medal Winners in National Tidy Towns Competition. 4) Carrigaline TPREP.

# KANTURK-MALLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



#### **TOWNS**

Buttevant, Charleville, Kanturk, Mallow, Newmarket

#### **KEY VILLAGES**

Ballydesmond, Banteer, Boherbue, Dromina, Knocknagree, Milford, Newtownshandrum

#### **VILLAGES**

Ballydaly, Ballyclogh, Ballyhea, Bweeng, Burnfort, Castlemagner, Churchtown, Cecilstown, Cullen, Dromahane, Derrinagree, Freemount, Glantane, Grenagh, Kilcorney, Kiskeam, Kilbrin, Liscarroll, Lismire, Lombardstown, Lyre, Meelin, New Twopothouse, Rathcoole, Rockchapel, Tullylease

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# **Community Fund Scheme 2022**

The KMMD Community Grants offers a great opportunity to help community groups and local people implement a wide variety of events & projects. We awarded over €295,400.00 in funding to community-led projects last year which has assisted them to grow and develop.

116 grants were approved broken down as follows:



11 Tidy Towns groups were awarded funding in 2022 with Knocknagree Tidy Towns receiving the Endeavour Award.

# **Town Development Fund 2022**

Through the Town Development Fund 2022 a number of key projects were completed.

Christmas Lights were supported across the five major towns while the Christmas Lights Project in Mallow was completed and a fantastic switching on the lights ceremony was held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce enjoyed by many families in Mallow.

There was great enthusiasm and uptake for the Streetscape Painting, Signage & Improvement Scheme 2022, with applications in one area up over 50% on 2021. In total over 20 successful applications were processed and over €35,000 was awarded in grants. Considering the current economic climate this was a great opportunity for business owners to upgrade their property's appearance and without it many would not have been in a position to do so.

The ripple effect here echoes our "Support Local" theme as it meant that over 20 one-off painting or signage jobs were also created. "This is the first time we have used the Streetscape Painting Scheme and it provided us with the opportunity to update our building in Buttevant, which now looks much smarter and brighter after being painted and which we think contributes to a more vibrant Buttevant as a whole. The scheme was easy to apply for and the support provided by the council as we made our application was great." Quote from David Kelleher, C.F.O, Buttevant Credit Union.

Spa Glen Car Park was also upgraded through Town Development Funds.

A canopy platform was installed in Charleville Town Park which provides sheltered outdoor dining in the Park as well as facilitating outdoor Arts Activities/performances.

The upgrades to Newmarket footpath were also supported along with carpark improvements. Christchurch Newmarket also received supports.

#### **CLAR 2022 Applications**

There were 5 successful Clar Applications with works underway at present. These projects come to a total value of €244,100.

- Freemount Community Development Association Addition of 4 units plus play panel to playground. Also picnic benches and biodiversity area adjacent to the playground with wheelchair accessible units. €50,000
- Banteer Community Sportsfield Banteer walks surface upgrade, lake aeration fountain, car parking area, biodiversity planting, recycled litter bins and seating, and bicycle shelter at Banteer Pondfield/Park €50,000
- Meelin Amenity Projects C.L.G. Astro Turf Pitch €50,000
- Kanturk Community Astroturf CLG Fencing for community astro turf €50,000
- Liscarroll NS Hurling Wall for use by the whole community €44,100

#### **Outdoor Events**

KMMD supported several outdoor events in 2022 including:

- Mallow 10k
- Scealta Productions
- Pipeband Competition
- Songs from the Blackwater
- Mallow Arts Festival
- · Lightbulb Theatre, Mallow Castle
- Together at the Castle Wellbeing Festival
- Outdoor Cinema Event Mallow Castle







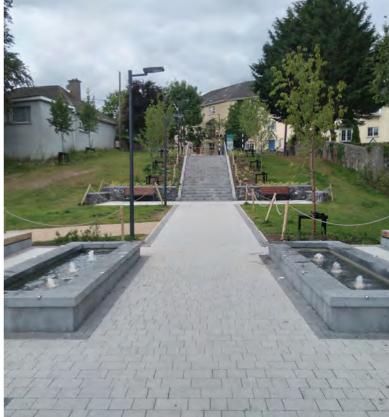
1) Outdoor cinema. 2) Outdoor cinema Mallow Castle.

# **Significant Projects:**

# Tipp O'Neill Park

Landscape works were undertaken to enhance and improve the presentation and comfort of Tipp O'Neill park. The project has included extensive improvement works including landscaping of the park entrance and paths; a new water feature featuring foam jets and lighting; new light columns and semi-mature trees along the main route through the park; new directional and interpretive signage; bike stands and seating.





1-2) Tipp O'Neill Park.

# Newly Renovated Spa House

As a protected building, the Spa House has been extensively and carefully renovated. The works were fully funded by Cork County Council. The Spa House refurbishment project includes external pointing of the stonework, roof repairs, new electrical wiring, limebased internal plastering, new windows and new side doors. A radon barrier, sump and fans were also installed along with a new communications network and interlink with Cork County Council's server.





Works also included a new colourful and informative illustrated map highlighting key heritage sites and buildings in Mallow. The pocket-size Mallow Historic Town Map provides a self-guiding tour of the town. The Mallow Historic Town Map provides a brief history of the town from the arrival of the Normans in the 12th century until the town's more recent history as a market and spa town. It highlights 35 heritage buildings and features within the town including the Clock House, Mallow Bridge, churches, Mallow Castle and house. Each site is accompanied by a brief description.

1) Spa House ground works. 2) Spa House driveway.

# National Trails Register -Lovers Leap

The walking trail at Lovers Leap at the end of the Lower Castle Park, which was upgraded and inspected by the Sports Ireland Outdoors. The project was assessed against the Walking Trails Criteria for Ireland and Trails that meet the criteria will be listed as registered on the National Trails Register. Sports Ireland Outdoors having completed their inspection of the trail reported as follows 'We acknowledge the good work that has been carried out on the trail and are pleased to report that the Lovers Leap Trail meets the requirements set out in the Criteria. The trail will now be listed on the National Trails Register and, shortly, the Sport Ireland Outdoors website'.

# Kanturk Castle Walkway Official Opening

A new walkway is the latest addition to Kanturk town, complementing the new library, the new town park playground, the new link road and the new fire station.

Spearheaded by the local Community and completed in collaboration with Cork County Council, the €212,900, 332-meter walkway, was funded by the Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and the Town and Village Accelerate Measure.





1) Kanturk Castle Walkway. 2) Kanturk Walkway official opening group.

The walkway forms a vital element of connectivity for the town. It fosters community wellness, allowing safe pedestrian movement on the locally established 5km suburban looped route knows as "Jacko's Loop", access to the renowned tourist attraction Kanturk castle and safe access into the town's centre, all essential components for a vibrant and bustling town.

Liscarroll Village Footpath Upgrade & Traffic Calming Works This project involved the provision of new pedestrian footpaths on Main Street, Buttevant Road, Castle Street, Drumcolliher Road and Controlled Crossings outside Liscarroll Primary School.

# Island Wood Trail, Newmarket

This beautiful forestry walking trail was developed and is an excellent facility for the locality. It is located near Newmarket and welcomes walkers to the area with improved disability access and includes a sensory path. It was funded ORIS 2020 and works were completed in partnership with Coillte.



Island View.

# **Mount Hillary Loop**

A car park and picnic area at this peaceful loop walk with forestry road and woodland trails are a great addition to this locality. The improvements were funded under ORIS 2020. The beautiful tree lined trail to Mount Hilary's summit boasts of stunning views of the Ballyhoura and Galtee mountain rangers.

# Angling Stands, Mallow Town Park

2022 saw the installation of 5 Angling Stands on the banks of the Blackwater River in partnership of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

# **Analeentha Greenway**

Development of a 3.5 kilometre greenway at Analeentha which will enhance outdoor amenities providing walkway and cycleway. The development consisted of the redevelopment of a disused roadway for recreation activities such as safe cycling and walking.

# FÁILTE GO BÓTHAR GLAS THE GREENWAY



Is beatach glas é in Better Glas atá 1.5 km ar lad agus a dhánann fresabl ar shibiri i agus or crítisthes de broichead Alth na Llinta agus Druichead Alth an Mhuilan. Is bealach codhnan é agus is cuid de Shifi na Dubhabhana k, téann sh le aion ia hAbhainn na Clasid, agud th' na bailte fearainn seo a leanas: Mein an Phearsainnaph, Baile Philibin agus Citi Chailin, Sididh d'asoca 1.5 km at amn, a thosaidhn còngarach d'Eaglain Ath na Llinta agus a chrìochnaidh aid don Taumpaillin, in aion le Droichead Ath an Mhuilan.

Tabhar are agus tú or an mbottar seo. Is hlioir go mbeadh nudai ann il goodanna áirithe den toll a chuirtidh tuo cirt, isithéidí fréimhacha atá ag gobath amach, craithn leagths, cannaípeacha silt, go fairithn seo seo fearthninna trioine nó stoirmeacha. Tá an bealaich seo cuí do dheiseine atá meabartha actaí agus tá sé omlanch ab bhugaithe. Motar duit trioga maithe a chaitheamh Bleinn resthairs den scoth le fáil ar an chhainn agus àr an mpliaisin agus tú og sáil an bhealaigh. Tóganc sá timpsaill Luair an chlioig chun an tsiúiliúta chríochoú, agus to allecsaíd ar dtí air choice ann a lúinte act dun Fool. An 89thar Dia is a 3.5km grammay cataring for walkers and cyclists between Analoentha Bridge and Millord Bridge. The Half route which forms part of the Blackwater Way (Aerochol, runs adjacent to the Cyda River and passes through parts of the townlands of Monagarson, Bullyfilibeen and Kliquane. This nay walk omnists of a 3.5km walk starting close to Analoentha Crurch and Analoentha Natonal School and limiting clost by An Townqualin near Millord Bridge.

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# WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



#### **TOWNS**

Bantry, Castletownbere, Clonakilty, Dunmanway, Schull and Skibbereen

#### **KEY VILLAGES**

Baltimore, Ballineen/ Enniskeane, Ballydehob, Drimoleague, Durrus, Glengarriff, Leap, Rosscarbery, Union Hall

#### **WEST CORK ISLAND COMMUNITIES**

Bere Island, Dursey Island, Heir Island, Long Island, Oilean Chleire, Sherkin Island, Whiddy Island

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# **West Cork Municipal District 2022**

As Covid restrictions eased, a sense of normality resumed, and West Cork Municipal District began to prepare for the year ahead, with large degree of focus on how to encourage visitors to stay local, as many being tempted to travel further afield once again. The emphasis shifted to promoting, developing and enhancing our beautiful towns, villages and amenities, extensive coastline, Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches, our many parks and open spaces, playgrounds, facilities and West Cork islands.

#### **CRUISE SHIPS TO WEST CORK**

2022 saw the welcome return of cruise ships to Kinsale and Schull, West Cork since the pandemic. One such visit to Schull harbour on July 24th saw Mayor Danny Collins, local to the area, on hand to welcome the cruise ship 'Island Sky' on its maiden voyage, greeting the ship's Captain Jose Fonseca on board, and presenting a gift on behalf of Cork County Council and West MD. The luxury expedition ship, carrying 97 passengers and 63 crew overnighted in Schull, spending time the following day on a Bird Watch Walking Tour on Cape Clear, returning at lunchtime to Schull Pier to traditional music entertainment provided by Comhaltas Baile Núis. Some of the visitors opted for bus tours to Mizen Head that afternoon, whilst others availed of a shuttle bus to the local Agricultural Show, and others wandered over to the nearby local Farmer's Market. During its brief stay, the cruise ship availed of the opportunity to replenish its onboard food stock, by purchasing fish locally. The visit overall was a success. It must be noted that it can be rare to receive feedback from Cruise Operators, but in this instance the cruise ship's owners Noble Caledonia, posted a lovely comment on LinkedIn (the world's largest professional internet network) - 'Expedition cruising at its very best. Thank you for the warm welcome we received in West Cork. We look forward to returning'.





# **GMA Community Fund 2022 - €314,000**



# Amenity Grant - Skibbereen Sports Centre

Provision of gym equipment for children with additional needs.





# Capital Grant - Clonakilty Rugby Club

This project was grant aided in 2020, due to Covid this project commenced in 2021 and was complete in 2022. The project involved provision of pathway and ancillary works for community use.



# Community Contract Grant - Tograi Chleire (Cape Clear Projects Group)

Information board commissioned and installed at South Harbour, Cape Clear, depicting Flora and Fauna of the island. The project also included purchase of plants and shrubs.



Further projects funded under GMA include; Community Hedge Cutting Scheme assisting 27 no. community groups in cutting back hedgerows and grass verges, provision of Camper Van Parking Ballydehob, contribution towards Michael Collins Centenary Projects, purchase of benches, picnic tables and canopys, provision of mobile stage and sound equipment for events.

# Village Enhancement Scheme 2022 - €68,750

Two further villages received funding for enhancement projects ie; Kealkill & Drinagh

# Town Development Fund 2022 - €130,000

Funding was set aside for the following projects; The Rock Skibbereen, Old VEC Building Dunmanway, Painting Scheme / Dereliction, Playground Surfacing, Framework Plans, and Music on the Streets Support Scheme.

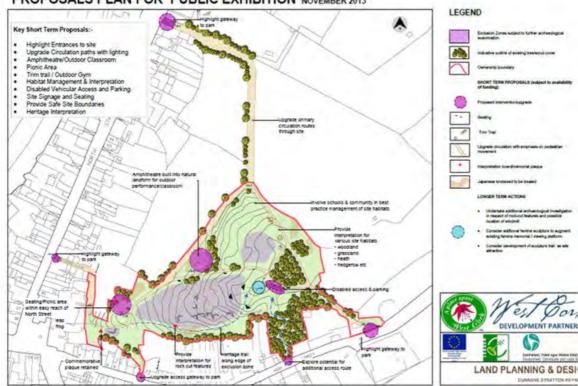
#### The Rock Heritage & Nature Park

Heritage & Nature Park. Groundworks were carried out for developing The Rock area as an amenity site. In excess of 500m of drainage pipes were laid and 1050m of ducting pipe to facilitate future public lighting. Preparation works for the network of footpaths throughout the site was also carried out. Services from The Town Hall to the site of the proposed amphitheatre were incorporated in the works. Permanent fencing to the site perimeter and construction of the amphitheatre ongoing in to 2023.





# THE ROCK, SKIBBEREEN - HERITAGE & NATURE PARK: PROPOSALS PLAN FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION NOVEMBER 2013



#### **OTHER MD FUNDED PROJECTS:**

#### Columbarium Wall Pilot Project, Bantry

A demo of a Precast concrete columbarium wall has been installed at the Abbey, Bantry. Doors of the unit are polished granite. Each section has 8 No. niches, and can easily be extended in modular form.

#### Schull Pier

The pier area in Schull was resurfaced during the summer and over 14 tonnes of litter and abandoned/disused fishing equipment was removed.



# Pier Road Glengarriff

Widening and extension of the footpath from the N-71 to the Garnish Ferry pier over a length of approximately 160m. Replacement of the Glengarriff slipway approach ramp, installation of vehicle restraint wall and pedestrian safety railing. Construction of viewing and seating area adjacent to the N-71. Carriageway replaced with new road markings. Funded by DTTAS RI funds, NTA Active Travel funds, CCC Special Development contributions and Piers and Harbour funds.





#### West Cork Islands

West Cork Islands Interagency, chaired by Cork County Council, met on 4 occasions during 2022.

West Cork Island Council Grants of €43,000 were awarded under the West Cork Island Community Funding Scheme to 8 no. projects on the inhabited islands.

See photograph below of Bere Island Theatre Troupe, who received grant aid towards running three writing retreat workshops on Bere Island.





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# **West Cork Island Minor Capital Works**

# **Island Capital Works 2022**

- Bere island Upgrade of public toilets
- Sherkin Island L4201 Access Road to Sherkin Pier. Drainage on road to slipway. Install drainage pipe at side of road to slipway to prevent water spilling on to road and creating hazard during frost
- Sherkin Island L8202-0 Surface preparation and resurfacing with DBM material of road, with final surface dressing to be carried out in 2023
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- Sherkin Island Cow Strand. Completion of roadside parapet wall to close off exposed open section
- Heir Island East Pier installation of pontoon (note pontoon and gang way are purchased)
- Cape Clear Island New Lights for Helipad
- Whiddy Island Middle Battery feasibility study underway, to be complete early 2023.





Whiddy Island Middle Battery

# **Legacy Island Capital Works**

- Sherkin Island L8201-15. New Surface with 100mm of clause 804 and double surface dressing with related drainage works
- Heir Island Bridge Consultant Report (100% funded by Dept)
- Cape Clear South Harbour New wall, built with concrete and stone where the wall has fallen. Pointing of current wall using mortar.
- Cape Clear New retaining wall built. Drainage pipes added at back of wall, and a drain at front of
  wall to take the water from the road. Surface of Clause 806 and double surface dressing applied
  to road after wall built.





Cape Clear - new retaining wall, and roadworks

Cape Clear - South Harbour new wall

#### **CLAR SCHEMES**

#### **CLAR 2022 Projects:**

- Glengarriff Installation of a Multi-Use Games Area, incorporating basketball court and nets, and soccer court and nets.
- Schull Upgrade of existing Multi-Use Games Area facility.
- Dunmanway Re-roof 50% of Community Sports Hall to make safe & weatherproof.
- Dunmanway Upgrade of Mini Astroturf Pitch near Community Garden.
- Castletownbere Upgrade tarmac ballcourt with an all-weather playing facility, including netting and retractable goalposts at Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa.
- Tragumna Upgrade of Public Toilets.

#### **Completion of CLAR 2021 Projects:**

# **Durrus Sensory Garden and Allotments**

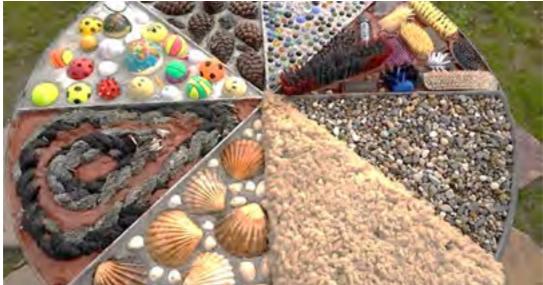
Completion of a multi-generational and multi-purpose sensory garden carried out by Durrus and District Community Council in partnership with Cork County Council. The CLAR project involved;

- Completion of pathways throughout the garden for access to all activities.
- · Completion of a 'sensory path' comprised of different textures.
- Completion of the installation of a silver tree musical sculpture, along with
  musical mushroom structures and wind spinners. This specifically designed
  structure is linked to nine pressure pads which are situated around the tree in a
  newly laid sandstone circular path. Each pressure pad links to an organ pipe at
  the top of the structure to make a sound.
- Installation of BBQ, garden benches and pergola structure.
- Installation of stoneware mosaics situated at the garden entrance, were created by school children from two local national schools in collaboration with Heritage for Schools.
- Creation and installation of the locally forged sensory table with diverse materials for interaction.
- Installation and setting of bird bath, along with a harp-themed fountain.
- Completion of hard landscaping with decorative stone slabs and pebbles.
- Completion of soft landscaping and planting of the garden in line with the garden designer's plan including native grasses, herbs, shrubs and trees.

Durrus & District Community Council held its public launch on Friday, 28th October 2022, at a very well-attended event to celebrate the successful conclusion of this new volunteer-built amenity in the heart of Durrus Village. The Sensory Garden was opened by Cork County Mayor, Mr. Danny Collins.

Community residents of all ages and abilities joined in the celebration with demonstrations of the sensory garden amenities by local school children. involved in bringing the project to a successful conclusion on time and in budget, including the vital financial and administrative support of Cork County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.







Sensory garden structure created by local children through the Heritage in Schools programme.
 2) Volunteers created a multi-sensory table forged by local blacksmith.

<sup>3)</sup> Seating area by harp sculpture encourages visitors to contemplate the local area's Celtic Bardic heritage.

#### <u>Drone Technology</u>

Drones purchased for use in Cork County Council day-to-day work activities in CLAR areas within Bantry area of the West Municipal District, project includes provision of training and exams to staff on the use of drones.



# Digital Speed Safety Signs, Bantry

Purchase and installation of digital speed safety signs.

# Outdoor Gym at Schull Park

Upgrade of existing facilities with new and refurbished equipment along the coastal pathway to include; a refurbished leg press and a new wheelchair accessible hand cycle, new wheelchair accessible chest press and refurbished leg extender, new chin up bar, refurbished walker and standing rotator, new rower and refurbished cross trainer, new abdominal curl and refurbished walker, refurbished shoulder wheel, and a refurbished rider and new bicycle. Also provided is a waste/recycling bin from the tidy towns and a recycled plastic picnic bench from NTA funding.





#### **TOWN & VILLAGE SCHEMES**

# **Event Equipment**

Mobile stage trailer, marquees and amplification equipment purchased for the holding of medium scale community events and concerts across the West Cork Municipal District area.

# Castletownbere Vertical Pocket Park

Works underway to convert approach to church from steps to accessible ramps, with planting. Development of a vertical 'Pocket Park' using underutilised site in Castletownbere town centre. Funding source: T&V 2021 grant of €98,001.

# Report re Refurbishment & Development of St Peter's Church

Compilation of a professional report in respect of the refurbishment and redevelopment of St Peter's Church, Castletownbere with a view to developing a fishing museum and community hub in the former Church of Ireland building. Work ongoing to the grounds of the church ie; relandscaping, paving, up lighting, seating, lowering of wall and installation of railings.





#### **ORIS SCHEMES**

# Glengarriff Blue Pool Amenity

Works progressed on 1600m of pathways, pedestrian and safety railings, seating, picnic benches, bicycle parking and repair stations, works to swimming access points, and works for accessibility to Blue Pool Amenity entrances. Expected completion April 2023.

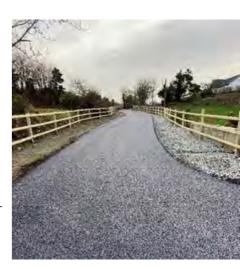






Clonakilty Amenity Area Phase 2 at Gallanes

Part 8 Planning granted in September. Works include walkways, carpark, hiking trails, amenity area and viewing points in the townlands of Gallanes, Templebryan South and Grillagh, Clonakilty. The existing Joe Walsh Walkway currently extends approx. 1.1km from Clonakilty Community Hospital adjacent to the N71 through council owned lands. Extension of the amenity walkway northwards through the grounds of Clonakilty Rugby Club to local road L-80611. Works to complete early 2023.



# **Beach Access Reports**

Report commissioned on access to 5 no. beaches in West Cork.

### Beara Way Bridle Path Phase 2

Extension of the Beara Bridle Way and Walking Trail from Urhan to Ardgroom Village, and completion of a loop in Teernahillane between Castletownbere and Allihies.

# Birdwatch Enhancement Project Clonakilty

Provision of birdwatching telescopes, information boards and seating at 3 no. locations near waterfront areas of Clonakilty Bay.

#### **CIVIC/CAPITAL PROJECTS**



# <u>Skibbereen Town Hall Upgrade and Extension</u>

Works complete re. construction of an extension to Skibbereen Town Hall including alterations and upgrade of toilet facilities. The Extension enables wheelchair users accessibility to the Town Hall. Additional works to repair/replace windows, installation of attic insulation, external painting and essential repairs to the building fabric were also carried out.



# <u>Skibbereen Town Square Public Realm</u> <u>Accessibility</u>

Town Square was designed for wheelchair accessibility to the Town Hall, groundworks were carried out including drainage and ducting for lighting. Main Square was paved and access road to the Town Hall. New seats and planters were installed.



#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN WEST CORK IN 2022

#### **Michael Collins House Centenary Events & Projects:**

#### **Michael Collins Diaries**

Over the course of June, July and August, Michael Collins House welcomed in excess of 14,500 visitors to the museum and MCH hosted events. This is double 2021 Q3 figures (though 2021 visitor numbers were restricted due to Covid) and brings the annual visitor figures to over 20k for the year to date.

The Michael Collins Diaries were welcomed to Clonakilty on July 29th. To mark the centenary of the death of Michael Collins, the diaries, which cover a 5-year period from 1918-1922, are loaned to the National Archives by descendants of Michael Collin's family, and have recently undergone significant conservation and preservation, archival processing, and digitisation at the National Archives. The Diaries are presented as part of the Government of Ireland's Decade of Centenaries 2012-2023 National Programme. Two of the diaries ie; the 1921 & 1922 diaries were on public display for the first time in physical form at Michael Collins House Museum, for the month of August. Wets MD has invested in a newly installed touchscreen device installed in the museum, and visitors can now view all 5 diaries.









#### **Civil War Mural**

As part of the Centenary Commemoration programme Michael Collins House oversaw the development and installation of a Civil War mural in Croppy Park, Clonakilty. Funded by the Cork County Council Commemoration Committee, this mural based on the Civil War poem 'The Lost Heifer' by Austin Clarke is a colourful addition to the area and marks the centenary of the beginning of the Civil war in a symbolic and sympathetic manner.



#### **Centenary Commemoration Festival**

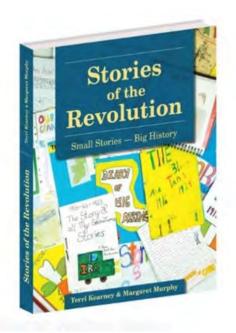
The Museum was also central to the organising of the Michael Collins Centenary Commemoration Festival. This festival was supported by funding from Cork County Council with over 35 individual events taking place from the 14th - 22nd August in addition to other facets of the festival ie; ongoing exhibitions, competitions and projects. The festival was a collaborative effort involving a number of community groups and organisations. Its purpose was to commemorate Michael Collins 100th Anniversary but also to celebrate his life. The events reflected this with history talks and walks, special tours, cinema events, theatre events and more, designed to encourage engagement with all ages and to encourage people to visit the Clonakilty area. Over 12,000 people attended these events specifically with many more additional visitors believed to have visited the area. Michael Collins House also hosted a number of events as part of the festival such as; a 'History Scoops' event with over 150 attendees, an open evening at the museum was held on Saturday 20th August which encouraged an extra 450 visitors. On Sunday 21st August, an outdoor cinema event featuring three shows including the Michael Collins House production 'The Young Fella', 'Beloved Enemy (1936)' and 'Michael Collins (1996)', at Emmet Square, over 600 people attended these showings. On Collin's 100 anniversary, entry was free to Michael Collins House with over 1000 people visiting on the day.



#### **Commemorative Booklet**

As part of the festival Michael Collins House/Cork County Council produced a commemorative booklet. This 50-page booklet contained many photos, articles, and festival programme, which was well received and a much sought-after collectors' item.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES IN WEST MD



# <u>Skibbereen Heritage Centre - The 'Stories of the Revolution' Schools</u> <u>Folklore Project</u>

The 'Stories of the Revolution' book is a treasure trove of oral history centred around the 1916-23 period, comprising of contributions made by 823 children from 48 West Cork schools. The information gathered was sourced from family and older members of their communities over a period of 4 years, containing personal experiences of 'big history' events in the Irish revolutionary past most of which is previously unrecorded. The book comprises over 300 individual stories, all enhanced by original artwork and several images. The project received financial support from Cork County Council through its Commemorative Committee and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

#### **Beach guards**

West MD wishes to extend our thanks to all the West Cork lifeguards who had another busy season IN 2022.





#### **Dunmanway West Cork Regional Leisure Centre**

Week commencing 3rd October Dunmanway West Cork Regional Leisure Centre welcomed back schools and childrens' private lessons. Approximately 1060 people using the pool facilities including classes for adults: Lane training, Technique classes, Aqua classes, Masters classes, and children attending through schools weekly. The pool is open to the public 80.5 hours each week, and the gym re-opened for 79 hours per week.

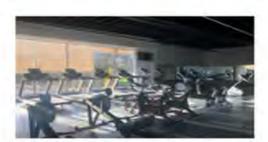
### WEST CORK REGIONAL LEISURE CENTRE DUNMANWAY



Tel: 023 88 45349 Email: dunmanwayswimmingpool@corkcoco.ie

	Pool Opening Hours	Gym Opening Hours
Monday	7.30am - 9.00pm	7.30am - 9.00pm
Tuesday	7.30am - 9.00pm	7.30am - 9.00pm
Wednesday	7.30am - 9.00pm	7.30am - 9.00pm
Thursday	7.30am - 9.00pm	7.30am - 9.00pm
Friday	7.30am - 8.00pm	7.30am - 8.00pm
Saturday	9.00am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 4.30pm
Sunday	9.00am - 3.00pm	9.00am - 2.30pm







#### **Pool Facilities:**

- 25 metre pool
- Kids Learner Pool
- Sauna & Steam Room
- Wheelchair access hoist to main pool
- Hourly Sessions/Pre-booking advised
- Adults only after 7pm
- Adults €5/OAP or Student €4.50/
   Child €3.00 /Family 2A+2C €15 per hr

#### Gym Info:

- Cardio Equipment & Weight Machines
- Showers / Changing Areas
- Over 18's only
- The gym is unsupervised
- Induction needs to be completed prior
- Gym €7 / Gym & Swim €8 P.A.Y.G

#### Hydrotherapy Pool Info:

- 7.5 metre warm water pool
- For adult & physio use
- Wheelchair friendly moveable floor
- Private accessible changing rooms
- Pre booking for accessible rooms essential

#### Activities

- Adult beginner/ improver & technique swimming classes
- Kid's swimming lessons
- Master's Lane Swimming
- Aqua Aerobics

# **FERMOY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**



#### **TOWNS**

Fermoy, Mitchelstown

#### **KEY VILLAGES**

Doneraile, Kilworth, Glanworth, Rathcormack, Castlelyons/Bridebridge, Castletownroche, Ballyhooly, Conna, Kildorrery, Glenville

#### **VILLAGES**

Killavullen, Bartlemy, Ballynoe, Clondulane, Ballindangan, Glennahulla, Shanballymore, Coolagown, Curraglass

# **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER**

Margaret O'Donoghue

**CHAIRPERSON** 

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

# **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

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# Fermoy Municipal District

# **Boundary Alteration**

Following the local elections in June 2019 the boundary for Fermoy Municipal District changed with Charleville, Watergrasshill, Ballyhea & Newtownshandrum being transferred to the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District and the new Fermoy Municipal District area being expanded to now include Glenville.

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# **Community Fund 2022**

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY FUND SCHEME CONTRIBUTES
FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MANY COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
WITHIN THE FERMOY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT.

Applicants applied for financial assistance under three distinctive fund types; Capital Fund, Community Contract and Amenity Fund. In recent years, the fund has supported a diverse range of projects and community initiatives, including infrastructure, sports and leisure facilities and tidy towns.

#### In 2022:

- 43 Projects were supported under the Amenity Fund, totaling €75,470
- 32 Community Groups (including Tidy Towns and Resident Associations) received funding under the Community Contracts, totaling €40,280.00
- 9 groups received funding under the Capital Fund, totaling €90,000
- Mitchelstown and Fermoy Christmas Lights Association received funding under the Town Development Fund €16,000.





Left: Community Fund - Park Utd, Mitchelstown. Right: Community Fund - Kilworth Sports Complex.

# **Town Development Fund 2022**



Seasonal Planting at Public Realm - Fermoy

- Mitchelstown St Patrick's Day Parade
- Fermoy St Patrick's Day Parade
- Seasonal Planting in Fermoy & Mitchelstown
- Heritage Map for Fermoy
- Financial support towards Fermoy & Mitchelstown Christmas Lights
- Financial support towards upgrade of website in Mitchelstown
- Financial support to Mitchelstown Business Association for Christmas Trees
- Provision of speed radar sign for Fermoy

# 2022 Town & Village Scheme

Doneraile Village Public Realms Enhancements was completed in 2022.

Coolagown Village Public Realm enhancements including dual purpose pedestrian/parking areas, signage & information boards completed in 2022.

#### Coolagown

This project has improved the traffic functions of the Village and enhance the public realm by improving local pedestrian accessibility and to create a village centre. The works provide a platform for new businesses to open in the village through the provision of an attractive streetscape for new potential business.







Coolagown - Town and Village Enhancement

# **RRDF 2022 (Rural Regeneration Development Fund)**

In Mitchelstown, Cork
County Council will lead the
delivery of a project on the
development of the
Mitchelstown Georgian
Cultural/Heritage Quarter.
The project will help facilitate
the ongoing development of
interpretative signage,
information points and
landscaping along George
Street and King Square.

Preliminary design proposals drafted, and pre-planning consultations undertaken in 2022.



# Fermoy Weir Remediation & Fish Bypass Channel



High level design drawings and planning documentation prepared, including Natura Impact Statement.

Consultation undertaken with local stakeholders in early 2022. Planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanala in April 2022.

River Blackwater, Fermoy

# **Cemetery Works**

Fermoy Municipal District managed 44 no. Cemeteries. Tree pruning, wall repairs and footpath improvements were carried out in 2022 in other cemeteries in the Municipal District.

# **Playgrounds**

Fermoy MD has 13 playgrounds. Works are continuing on upgrading these facilities.

We continue to work with community groups to help deliver common goals in conjunction with our Elected Members and will continue to do so in 2023 within the Fermoy Municipal District.

#### **Outdoor Recreation & Infrastructure Scheme**

**Barnane Walk:** funding secured to facilitate enhancements of walkway, works carried out during 2022.

**Glensheskin Woods:** funding secured for upgrade of entrance and outer car park, works progressed.

# Streetscape Painting, Signage & Improvement Scheme 2022

15 applications were approved in 2022, with 10 applications completed at year end.

# **Doneraile Playground Refurbishment**

Works completed in 2022.

# **COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**



#### **MAIN SETTLEMENTS**

Cobh, Carrigtwohill, Little Island and the proposed new town of Monard

#### **VILLAGES**

Carrignavar, Whitechurch, Knockraha

# **VILLAGES NUCLEI**

Ballymore/Walterstown, Caherlag, Rathduff, Templemichael, Marino Point, Belvelly, Carrigaloe, Fota Island, Haulbowline Island, Spike Island

# **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER**

Paraig Lynch

#### **CHAIRPERSON**

Cllr. Anthony Barry

# **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

Robert O'Sullivan

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### Cobh Municipal District

### **Boundary Alteration**

The boundary of the Cobh Municipal District changed following the local election in June 2019, areas such as the Cork City North Environs (i.e. Barnavarra and the New Line), Glanmire, Kerry Pike, Clogheen, Whites Cross, Rathcooney and Killard became part of Cork City. Glenville was moved into the Fermoy Municipal District; however Watergrasshill was moved into the Cobh Municipal District.

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### **Community Fund**

The Cobh Municipal District continued to support Community Groups across the MD through the Community Fund Scheme, which consisted of the Amenity Fund, Community Contract, and Capital Fund.



83 Projects , including 38 Residents Associations, supported under the Amenity Fund



4Projects supported under the Capital Fund



7 Tidy Towns Groups and Community Associations supported under the Community Contracts



Carrignavar Community Council grant towards running village outdoor swimming pool

### **Town Development Fund**

A number of projects in Cobh and Carrigtwohill received grants from this fund, with a total allocation of €120,000 across the two towns.

Among the groups supported by this fund in 2021 were Carrigtwohill G.A.A who received an allocation of €10,000 towards the cost of protective fencing around the clubhouse, high nets and 4G goal areas, and Erins Own G.A.A. received €10,000 for natural playing surface with new drainage. Projects completed and cheques presented December 2022.

Cobh Municipal District also gave an allocation of €28,000 from this fund to Cove Sailing Club in 2021 as a contribution towards the cost of installing a marina in Whitepoint, Cobh, works now complete and presentation of cheque made in Summer of 2022.

Funding was also allocated for paint scheme to be used to tackle dereliction in the town - 3 premises benefiting from the paint scheme, and 1 dereliction project.



Cheque presented to the Carrigtwohill GAA Club





Left: Cheque presented to the Erins Own GAA Club. Right: Cheque presented to the Cove Sailing Club.

### **Pride Day**

To mark Pride Day, Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen raised Pride Flag on public building in Cobh.



### **Defibilators**

A number of defibilators were sponsored by Stryker along the new cycle pathat Glounthaune to the entrance to the IDA site in Carrigtwohill.



### Village Enhancement Scheme

In 2020, the members had agreed to allocate the Village Enhancement Scheme funding of €68,750 to a project identified by Watergrasshill Community Council, namely the upgrading of lands on the southern entrance to the village from the M8 by the installation of a plaza to serve as a focal point for the community in future years. Due to Covid restrictions in 2020 and early 2021, work on this project did not commence until the second half of 2021 and final works were completed in early 2022.





### Village Enhancement Scheme

In 2021 the Village Enhancement Scheme was allocated to works at Harpers's Island Wetlands, consisting of a new entrance treatment and the design and installation of new signage throughout the site. Works were completed in the last quarter of 2022.

2022 Village Enhancement Scheme – members agreed that the funding be used in conjunction with ORI funding received to develop new playground and the development of walkway at Carrigrenan, Little Island. Project due for completion in 2023.

### **ORI Funding**

ORI Funding granted in 2020 to upgrade facilities and market the amenity within the local community at Moanbaun Woods, Watergrasshill, was completed and launched in conjunction with Caoillte in 2022



### **Disability Participation & Awareness Fund**

Funding sought and granted under the above fund. The fund used towards the installation of sensory garden adjacent to existing playground and amenity park in Glounthaune. Construction of Sensory Garden is presently underway by Cork Co. Council staff and should be completed early 2023.

### **Public Realm**

The proposed Cobh Public Realm Enhancement Plan went out to public consultation under Part 8 in 2021. In October 2021, the elected members of Cork County Council, having considered all submissions received, approved the proposals. Work has now started on preparing a funding request for detailed design and tender under the government's URDF Programme in 2022.

The proposed Carrigtwohill URDF Initative Public Realm upgrade/improve connectivity to encourage sustainable modes of transport went out to public consultation under Part 8 in February 2022. In June 2022, the elected members of Cork County Council, having considered all the submissions received, approved the proposals.



### **Rushbrooke Safe Route To School**

In December 2022 Cork County Council's Second Safe Route To School Zone was officially launched by Minister Naughton. Proposals for Safe Route in another area of the town will commence in 2023.



### **Election of Cobh Municipal District Chair 2022/2023**

In June 2022, following the Annual General Meeting of Cobh Municipal District, Cllr. Anthony Barry (F.G) was elected chair (Cathaoirleach) of the Municipal District, taking over from Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen (Lab). Cllr. Sinead Sheppard (FG) was elected vice-chair (leas-Cathaoirleach) of the MD.

## **EAST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**



### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER**

Joe McCarthy

**CHAIRPERSON** 

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** 

Dave Clarke

### **TOWNS**

Midleton and Youghal

### **KEY VILLAGES**

Castlemartyr, Cloyne, Killeagh, Whitegate and Aghada

### **VILLAGES**

Ballycotton, Ballymacoda, Churchtown South, Dungourney, Ladysbridge, Mogeely, Saleen, Shanagarry/Garryvoe

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### **Activity Report 2022**

Ireland being an island nation is abundantly blessed with beaches as natural amenities. Cork County has a coastline of 1,199 k.m. along which are many beautiful beaches, inlets and harbours.

One of the longest and most magnificent beaches in the country is located in Youghal stretching from the lighthouse to Redbarn and Pilmore and around the bay to Ballykinealy and Ring. Having rounded Knockadoon Head there is another long stretch of sandy beaches from Ballycrenane to Garryvoe, Ballylongane, Ardnahinch and Ballynamona. Leaving Ballycotton Bay we arrive at Ballycroneen and Ballybrannigan and around Power Head we came upon the lovely beach at Inch then around Roche's Point we find White Bay.

With over a dozen beautiful beaches in the East Cork Municipal District the elected members naturally turned their attention to enhancing these amenities. Youghal was ahead of its time in developing the Youghal Eco Boardwalk and this boardwalk was extended to Redbarn and completed in June 2021. The Boardwalk is wheelchair friendly and provides a scenic link between Youghal Town Centre and Redbarn beach and is Ireland's longest seafront boardwalk.

In August 2021 the Council made available a "HippoCamp Beach and all Terrain Wheelchair" to enable wheelchair users to enjoy the beach with family and friends.

Recently a further enhancement of this wonderful amenity was considered and approved to provide a water sports facility at Claycastle.

Other beaches to receive attention recently are Inch Beach, new car park surfacing and lining and installation of a height restriction barrier which was attractively designed as a piece of art and White Bay, car park and access pathway resurfaced and similar enhancement to Ballinamona Beach.



We look forward to extending similar attention to our other beaches over time.

Of course our "Star Quality" projects for East Cork are the Ironman competition and the My (Midleton - Youghal) Greenway. Thankfully the Ironman competition is planned again after a short gap and will attract thousands to East Cork as well as showcasing our beautiful countryside, towns and villages worldwide by television, with huge benefits to the area economically.

We look forward to the imminent completion and opening of the My (Midleton - Youghal) Greenway which will add yet another superb amenity to the East Cork tourism and leisure offering and will revitalise and energise towns and villages along and near the greenway.

**Garryvoe Playground** 

The Members supported the upgrading of the playground at Garryvoe they approved use of the Village Enhancement Fund of €68,500 as match funding for the project to attract other funds from other sources to meet the cost of providing new equipment and play units. Other funding was successfully sourced and works were carried out in July and August. The new play units are sturdy and attractive and encourage children in imaginative play which enables them to exercise and to challenge and improve their developing skills in a fun, safe and enjoyable environment. The new playground is proving very popular with children of all ages and it is even more appreciated as it enhances one of the first ever playgrounds provided by Cork County Council in the county and it acknowledges and maintains the original and appropriate nautical theme in design which is most appropriate to its location at one of the most attractive beaches in the country.



### ORIS Measure 1 (Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme)

Cork County has successfully received funding for 15 projects throughout the County, to a combined total of €437,140 and of the 15 projects Cork County Council is the lead partner for 8 of these.

€30,000 was approved to be spent in Garryvoe on measures increasing biodiversity and the provision of seating in the vicinity of the new playground.

### **Claycastle Watersports Facility**

As part of the Grants Scheme for Large Tourism Projects, Fáilte Ireland's 'platform for growth' programme aims to support the growth and recovery of Irish tourism by investing in compelling visitor experience and building to ensure the Irish experience meets and exceeds visitor expectations. The concept proposed by Failte Ireland is the development of a universal and standardised design of 22 Activity Facility Centres, each located in different parts of Ireland. The standardised design allows users to familiarise themselves with the provided services promoting reliability and effectiveness in maintenance. The primary purpose of the facility is to provide public toilets, showering facilities, all-weather changing facilities, storage, an induction space (for water sports activity), meeting spaces, equipment washdown facilities, orientation points and security. The facility is designed to be accessible to all and environmentally sustainable.

The proposed development at Claycastle Beach involves adapting an exemplar design to the specific site constraints of Claycastle and exploiting existing site conditions to maximum advantage while integrating the structure into the landscape as sensitively as possible. As such the structure is positioned to provide ready access to the beach, minimise disruption to existing natural habitats, minimise disruption to carparking, mitigate level changes across the site and encourage circulation, rest and passive supervision in and around the building.





# BANDON-KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



### **TOWNS**

Bandon, Kinsale

### **KEY VILLAGES**

Ballinspittle, Belgooly, Courtmacsherry, Inishannon, Riverstick, Timoleague

### **VILLAGES**

Ballinadee, Kilbrittain, Old Chapel

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER

**Brian Dunne** 

### **CHAIRPERSON**

Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan

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### Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District

### **Boundary Alteration**

Following the local elections in June 2019 the boundary of the Bandon Kinsale Municipal District changed with Crosshaven, Ballinhassig and Ballygarvan moving to the Carrigaline Municipal District. Areas of both Blarney Macroom Municipal and West Cork Municipal Districts now come under Bandon Kinsale Municipal District. Villages such as Courtmacsherry, Timoleague, Barryroe, Newcestown and Crossbarry are new to the Municipal District.

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Municipal Hall, Kinsale

### **Community Grant Scheme**

IIn 2022 Bandon Kinsale Municipal District supported a broad range of community groups and other local bodies in enhancing their communities under the 3 strands of the Community Grant Scheme:



Allocated to 17 groups through Amenity Grants



Allocated to 1 group for Capital Grants



Allocated to 13 Tidy Towns and Development Associations for the improvement of their towns and villages

### **Village Enhancement Scheme**

### Ballinadee

As part of the Village Enhancement Scheme, Bandon Kinsale Municipal District was awarded € 68,750 for 2020. As a result, the pandemic works were delayed but were completed in 2022. Cork County Council utilised this funding and aligned it with our own council funds to install new footpaths, public lighting and traffic calming measures in addition to road drainage improvements and resurfacing of all roads in the village. These works will greatly improve the public realm in Ballinadee and enhance connectivity for all and in particular will provide enhanced connectivity between Ballinadee National School and the local community centre.





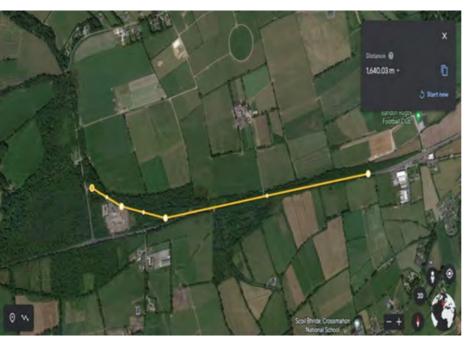


### Innishannon

Similarly, as part of the same scheme, Innishannon was awarded € 68,750 for 2022. These monies aligned with other funding streams have facilitated works on Church Hill in Innishannon.

## Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme - Bandon Walkway and the River Bandon Small Craft Route

Bandon Kinsale Municipal District was successful in being grant aided through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for the Bandon Walkway and also the River Bandon Small Craft Route.



### **Bandon Walkway**

Historically the West Cork Railway left Bandon travelling west along the current location of the N71. When the railway ceased operation the path of the railway was left abandoned. This project proposes to clear the pathway of the old railway and make it accessible to the general public. The pathway will be joined to the town centre by the existing pathway structure within the town. This will add an extra length of safe pathway to Bandon town and will encourage people to walk or run this route as it will connect back into the town and will link up with the Graham Norton Walk and onto the Claire O'Leary walk.

Exploratory works were undertaken in 2022 with surveying works to commence in 2023.

#### **River Bandon Small Craft Route**

The Bandon River Estuary is a very scenic route for small craft and marine tourism and it has long been the opinion that further investment would promote the route for such leisure and tourism activities. Historically one of the issues encountered was the difficulty for vessels to safely navigate up through the shallow banks and mud flats. This project has successfully introduced navigation buoys/marks at key positions along the river thus allowing vessels to safely navigate the river and facilitating access to areas such as Ballinadee and Kilmacsimon. A small seasonal landing pontoon will be installed annually at Kilmacsimon allowing vessels to make short visits or allows canoe/kayakers to navigate the river safely.

The river was surveyed prior to installation of the navigation marks to determine the safest/best channel depths as well as to accurately position the Lateral Navigation Marks.



#### Details of the works carried out:

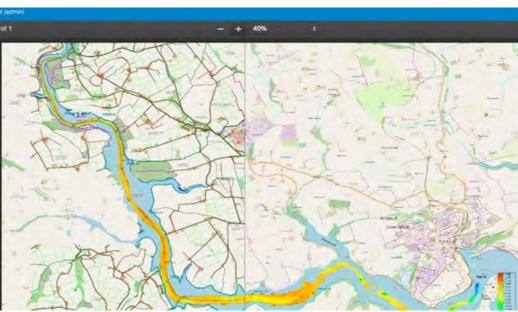
- Bathymetric multibeam survey of the river channel to determine depths and marker positions.
- Installation of 15 no. Navigation Marks and associated ground tackle.
- Purchase of 8m Seasonal Landing Pontoon (Currently in Winter Storage)



### What was the aim of the project

 To improve safety of navigation and ease of access for small vessels using the Bandon estuary.





- What has been the outcome of the project:
  - The project has been greatly welcomed be the local maritime community.
- What has been the impact of the project:
  - Increased navigational safety on the Bandon river.

### **CLÁR Project**

### **Barryroe GAA**

In early 2016 Barryroe GAA identified the benefit of an amenity walk and how it would compliment their existing facilities. As part of the CLÁR programme they received funding of €48,617 for the execution of Phase 3 of the plan which was the provision of solar lighting and all associated civil works pertaining to cover the entire walkway. The amenity is open to the public without the requirement for appointments and will ensure users can safely navigate the amenity in the hours of darkness throughout the year. This project is encouraging people of all ages and abilities to come out and park in the safe surrounds of the car park and use the newly lit walkway.











### Bernard's Bridge

In 2022 a new woodland walkway was developed in Bernard's Bridge, Bandon.
Grant funding of €15,000 aligned with council funds facilitated the clean-up of this area and the installation of a 400m new walkway which will provide a great amenity to Bandon. Further works are planned for 2023.

### **Archdeacon Duggan Bridge**

As part of the Active Travel Scheme Bandon Kinsale Municipal District used monies to tighten and install new crossing points. As part of these works we exposed and resealed elements of the bridge that required attention.



### **Kinsale Pollinator Plan**

Kinsale was previously chosen as one of the pilot towns in the county for the development of a pollinator plan. This plan was developed by an ecologist working closely with Cork County Council Environment, Roads and Municipal District Directorates. Suitable green spaces within Kinsale town are being developed as biodiversity areas. Kinsale Tidy Towns has, in recent years, won awards for its wildflower meadows and is working closely with the plan.



### **Paint Scheme**

In 2022 Bandon Kinsale Municipal District again ran the Streetscape Paint Scheme, a very successful and popular grant where the public can claim a grant to paint their property in town centre locations. The scheme has helped fight dereliction in both towns in the MD. In 2022 the Municipal District Members allocated €15,000 towards the scheme. 9 buildings were successful in gaining the grant.

### Streetscape Enhancement Scheme

Bandon town was chosen as the recipient town for funding under the 2022 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme. The scheme is part of the Government's five-year strategy to revitalise rural Ireland and is aimed at improving the visual appearance of our urban streetscapes, increasing pride and confidence in our hometowns and villages, making them more attractive places to live, work and do business. Eligible premises were commercial, residential, and unoccupied buildings in a town centre location.

21 applicants were successful in grant funding and have until 31/08/2023 to complete the works identified.





Paint Scheme Bandon

### **Port of Kinsale**

2022 for the Port of Kinsale saw a return to normal practices in comparison to recent years when certain restrictions were in place due to Covid-19. International yacht/visitor arrivals returned to pre-pandemic levels while local leisure and domestic yacht arrivals saw an increase again this year as more people than ever were out on the water enjoying water activities.

The routine work of the harbour continued as normal. We had an addition of 1 Pelagic Trawler, the "Naomh Peader" and 1 inshore vessel to the local fleet, bringing to 23 the locally registered fishing vessels operating from the port of Kinsale. Ships arrivals and departure came and went keeping up the vital supply of animal fodder into the country.

### Kinsale Slips Improvement works - Balami Improvement Project Completed 2022

These works were located on the following Kinsale Slips:

- Ferry Slip Worlds End, complete re-stoning of the slipway keeping the heritage look of the slipway whilst improving the safe access and use of this slip including new mooring rings and safety toe-rails.
- Scilly Slipway Re-decking of the foot of the slipway and clearing and tarmacking of the upper area, has greatly
  improved the safety and access for local users as well as tidying what was previously an unsightly area close to a
  popular walking route.
- Summercove slipway- benefitted from the addition of a stainless-steel handrail to improve safety for swimmers accessing the slipway.
- Castlepark Slipway Completely re-decked, including new mooring rings

### **Other Major Works Completed:**

Investment into additional port security measures

### **Commercial Cargo Shipping 2022:**

Total of 12 cargo ships and 2 cruise ships, early indication for 2023 is for a similar volume of shipping to the Port.

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1: Kinsale Sleeps at 5am while a ship slips silently out of the harbour. 2: Kinsale Outer Roads (A busy channel). 3: Kinsale Harbour





1: Ships crossing in Kinsale's Busy Main Channel . 1 in 1 out. 2: An Arklow Shipping Coaster Alongside the main pier





1: Captain of the 'Island Sky' Welcoming officials from Kinsale 2: Pelagic Fishing Vessel MFV' Rachel Jay' In the process of Changing Fishing gear









1: Crusie Ship Europa at anchor 2: Crusie Ship Europa at anchor 3: Europa at anchor in outer Anchorage 4: The Main Pier

### **Election of Municipal District Chair**

In June 2022, following the Annual General Meeting of the Bandon Kinsale Municipal District, Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan (FG) was elected chair of the Municipal District, taking over from Cllr. John O'Sullivan (FG). Cllr. Gillian Coughlan (FF) was elected as the vice-chair.

### **Blue Flag Beaches**

Bandon Kinsale Municipal
District was awarded two Blue
Flags for its impressive beaches
at Garrylucas and Garretstown.
In 2022, as we moved into a
post-pandemic environment the
beaches were very busy and it
is a credit to Cork County
Council to be able to deliver a
very effective lifeguard service
at both beaches for the summer
months.



Garryculas Blue Flag Beach with colourful chairs and picnic benches.



### **Kinsale Museum**

Kinsale Museum is a volunteer run museum which is owned by Cork County Council. As a result of the pandemic, the decision was taken to close the museum from a safety point of view for both volunteers and visitors. In 2022 the museum reopened with a permanent curator employed to offer guided tours.

In recent years the Council has repaired windows, installed a new audio visual Battle of Kinsale display and has updated and rearranged the ground floor exhibit of the museum as part of a Town and Village Renewal grant. The office and welfare facilities in the building have also been updated since then.

### **Outdoor Street Furniture**

Cork County Council facilitated a number of businesses in availing of outdoor seating licences to allow them to trade in a safe, covid compliant manner, as businesses were encouraged to consider takeaway and outdoor dining options.

## LIBRARY SERVICES



### **BRANCHES**

Ballyvourney, Bandon, Bantry, Carrigaline, Castletownbere, Charleville, Clonakilty, Cobh, Dunmanway, Fermoy, Kanturk, Kinsale, Lending HQ, Macroom, Mallow, Midleton, Millstreet, Mitchelstown, Newmarket, Cape Clear, Passage West, Schull, Sherking Island, Skibbereen, Youghal

### **MOBILE LIBRARIES**

Fermoy, Kanturk, Mobile South, West Cork Mobile

### **DIRECTOR OF SERVICES**

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### **Library Services**

2022 was a good year for the Library Service. Issues and visits were very strong and the second half of the year saw a full return to business as usual. We recorded 1.3 million issues, second only in the country to Dublin City Libraries. Over 76,000 people attend events and activities and we recorded over 900,000 visits.

We opened 2 new libraries in 2022, Bandon and Kanturk and introduced extended opening hours in 2 libraries, Bandon and Fermoy. Thankfully the library staff rose to the challenges and are enjoying great success in the new services. Customer feedback is very positive and this is proven by the usage numbers.

2022 has been a very strong year for the 'book'. Bookshops sales are up significantly and we are also saw strong physical book demand. Customers are loving the choice we offer, whether it is e-books/e-audiobooks or the real thing, they can pick and choose depending on what their needs are at the time. Children's books are hugely popular as parents are anxious to find non-screen alternatives for them.

Activities and Groups for all ages are back and we have lots of new ones too such as LEGO clubs, Age Friendly Bingo and Climate Awareness events.

Demand for study spaces has been enormous. From the first day in September, secondary school students queued to get a space. We have been reconfiguring spaces by investing in flexible furniture options in an effort to maximise space for them within the other demands of the library customers. Third level students are also big users. Perhaps accommodation issues, more parents working from home means students need a space to come in all towns.

### **BANDON LIBRARY**

The new library in Bandon has been a positive talking point for the local community since its **opening on 12th January 2022.** Representatives from local community groups, local teachers/ principals, etc. have all expressed their delight that such a wonderful amenity is available free of charge in Bandon. The first impression expressed by visitors when they initially walk through the door is open-mouthed amazement at the scope, thoughtful design, and variety of facilities available at Bandon Library. The library is popular with people of all ages, as a space to meet and hang out with friends, engage with library activities and groups, browse the large and varied book collections, read, relax, work, or explore your creativity. There were close to **100,000 visits** to Bandon library since it opened in January 2022. **Membership has increased some 47%** in comparison with pre-Covid-19 figures, with **6,100 members** joining Bandon Library in 2022. Families and younger readers make up a large proportion of this number, as the library's family and child friendly layout and design, as well as its significantly larger book stock suitable for younger readers, from birth to young adulthood, has proven very popular with families.



Literacy support materials, as well as sensory supports in the form of the library's sensory nook, has proved very popular with local schools and ASD classes, who regularly visit the library. The library's meeting room, and its capacity to cater for larger events has encouraged several community groups to actively engage with the library service to promote local programmes, such as Tidy Towns, Bandon Environmental Action Group (BEAG), Bandon Walled Towns Festival, Bandon Wellness Week, etc.

The BEAG/Cork Nature Network launch of the Bandon Diversity Action saw some 120 people of all ages visit the library to attend to discuss climate action and how to preserve local biodiversity. Many regular library events and activities such as 3D printing workshops, Tots Time, Lego Club, Craft group, book club (adult/child), creative writing for adults, and teens, ciorcal cainte, etc. have been reinstated post-Covid, allowing the community the opportunity to meet likeminded people and reconnect socially over a cup of tea. Engagement with local and national programmes such as Age Friendly, Healthy Ireland, Cruinniú na nÓg, Heritage Week, Culture Night, Children's Book Festival to name but a few. Bandon Library played host to **350 events over the course of 2022**, with the intention to build on this figure for 2023.

The library actively promotes community creativity by promoting the library's gallery space to local artists, heritage groups, etc. who may not have previously had the opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional gallery setting. Bandon Library has launched a call for exhibition proposals for its 2023/24 gallery programme, and the response from artists of all ages, crafts people, and local historians to date, has been overwhelming.

Bandon Library became the first Cork county branch to launch a My Open Library (MOL) service, that allows registered members to visit the library from 8am to 10pm, 365 days per year on a self-service basis outside of regular library opening hours. Almost **200 MOL members** have been inducted since the service launched at the end of October 2022, with approx. 50 more members awaiting a date for their MOL registration induction, and counting. MOL at Bandon Library has become a haven for leaving cert and third level students, remote workers, and families who through work/home commitments cannot visit the library during regular opening hours.

### **KANTURK LIBRARY**

New Kanturk Library opened in February 2022 bringing the library service into a bright, modern building. This brought great possibilities to develop the range of activities and community engagement while also allowing a broader range of stock to be held in the branch. Many community groups used the facility throughout the year and a wide range of activities were held. These included: Book Club, Class visits, book launches, book reading, Cancer Connect, Parent line and Children's Story time . The new library has proven very popular and the community has engaged actively with the service. Kanturk Library Membership increased by 99.3% and counted 42,850 visits in 2022.





Photos: Mayor, Cllr Gillian Coughlan launching officially opening new Kanturk Library and internal view of the library.

### **PASSAGE WEST LIBRARY**

Improvements included a new accessible door, bench and designated parking spaces. Overall, the library is not much more accessible for everyone.



### SKIBBEREEN LIBRARY COURTYARD

The small courtyward was paved, painted and planted in 2023 with the addition of sensory toys and equipment making is a space the school children, families and groups love spending time in.



### 'My Open Library'



Bandon and Fermoy Libraries introduced extended, staffless opening hours via the 'My Open Library' technology solution. Now library memberships can opt to be inducted to this service which gives them access to the library from 8am to 10am, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. It is been widely used by students studying while remote workers and parents checking out items at the weekend are all using the service.

Photo: Mayor, Cllr Danny Collins launching 'My Open Library' in Bandon. Mallow, Carrigaline, Kinsale and Macroom have received funding to roll out this service in 2023/2024.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**



2022 was the first full year of service for the four mobile libraries since 2019. This offered us an opportunity to interact anew with existing customers while also working on growing our reach. The roll out of the four new mobile library vehicles in late 2021 helped greatly in developing our offering to the community. This was reflected in the fact that in 2022 we added 10 national schools to the routes. We also visited 2 national schools for once-off visits to promote the library service as a whole. In total there were 2,200 visits to schools over the course of the year. 26 nursing homes, day care centres or community hospitals were visited in 2022 with a total of 226 visits. The new accessibility lifts on the mobile libraries have proved beneficial especially at nursing home stops. By the end of 2022 the membership of the four mobile libraries stood at 14,633 members.

Late summer, early Autumn was a very busy time for our mobile libraries. With schools on their summer holidays the mobile libraries had the opportunity to adapt their schedules to spend longer at nursing homes and care centres during July and August. This proved very successful, allowing more patrons access to the service and also enabling visits to two new nursing homes that previously weren't on the schedule. The Mobile Libraries also attended the Carbery Agri Show and Culture Night in Watergrasshill. (SEE PHOTO LEFT). Mobile South attended the National Ploughing Championships at the invitation of the Department of Rural and Community Development from the 20th to 22nd September. The mobile library had a steady stream of visitors on all three days.



Mobile South: National Ploughing Championships 2022

### AWARDS, SUCCESSFUL GRANTS AND FUNDINGS



### **Best Community Based Initiative**

**GOLD** 

Cork County Council Community Call Library
Housebound Service

**Cork County Council** 

Through successful applications for **Dormant Account Funding**, Cork County Library Service has added some new services for borrowers.

Before Christmas we launched **LOTE** Online for Kids which is an excellent addition to the suite of free e-resources available to our members. LOTE stands for Languages Other than English and is a library e-resource which allows children to enjoy the magic of books in World Languages from the comfort of home.



C-Pens are now available to borrow from any of our branch and mobile libraries. The pen scans text and then reads it aloud. You can order one from your local Cork County Library branch or mobile library and pens may be borrowed for a 3-week loan period. There has been strong demand for this service since it was launched before Christmas. All our pens are now out on loan with a waiting list in place. It was promoted through our Schools Library section with excellent engagement from teachers and parents so far.





Our libraries have been providing free period products at all service points since August 2022 under the **DOH funded Period Poverty Initiative**. We were successful in securing an additional €5k in funding prior to Christmas which ensures the continuance of the service into 2023. A call for expressions of interest in furthering the scheme has just been announced and we will be making a submission for continued funding of up to €15k.

## BOOK STOCK AND DEVELOPING 'A CULTURE OF BOOKS AND READING IN CORK COUNTY'

The book has always been at the core of the library service and in 2022 demand remained as high as ever. Approximately 55,000 items were added to stock in 2022. As group meetings resumed in person, book clubs returned. The book club collection was extended to cater for all interests and to reduce waiting lists for popular titles. The book clubs are an integral part of Cork County Library activities and in 2022 the book club in Bantry Library were selected by Laureate Colm Toibin to discuss The Barracks by John McGahern. One of the book clubs supported by Mallow Library will take part in the 2023 series on RTE One, Page Turners. A large print edition and audio book are being added for each title in the collection to ensure inclusive access to this service. From the Ireland Reads campaign early in the year to Family Time at Your Library at the very end, all of the library programmes are fully supported by stock. The West Cork Literary Festival also returned in person with a varied programme and this was well supported by stock with multiple copies of all the programmed authors available throughout the library system, particularly in Bantry Library and the neighbouring West Cork branches.

In its second year, the Teen Festival, including One County One Book for Teens, saw an increase in demand from secondary schools. 716 books were distributed to participating secondary schools throughout the county and in response we had high engagement with author talks and workshops. The Children's Book Festival in October is a staple on the library calendar for primary schools and was fully supported by the provision of titles by each participating author. The number of children partaking in the Summer Stars summer reading programme is well on its way to pre-Covid levels of participation, with over 3,500 children registered. Over recent years, there has been a move away from previous high demand for non-fiction stock such as cookery, gardening, DIY and arts and crafts and the strategy for purchasing stock has changed to reflect that, by focussing on fiction, particularly the titles that are high demand due to TikTok and other social media marketing, and juvenile stock such as series and books for younger readers. The new libraries in Bandon and Kanturk have both seen very high usage of picture books and national initiatives such as the Little Library Book Bags also reflect the ongoing demand for books for our youngest readers.



Photo: Author, Colm Toibin outside Bantry Library, WCLF 2022

Programmes such as Healthy Ireland At Your Library, Your Good Self, STEAM, Climate Action and the comprehensive Social Inclusion programmes were all supported by stock to provide a well-rounded programme. The library social media has seen a good response from all posts showcasing stock, with many library users responding by visiting their local branch or requesting the books online. A large part of the collections policy is to hold a back catalogue of older titles. In 2022, 4,500 requests were filled from our store collections, proving that these collections of fiction series, Irish fiction and older titles are essential. An additional response was needed in 2022 to support Ukrainian refugees. At a time of upheaval and in a new country with a new language, the provision of stock in Ukrainian was a way to ensure people felt welcome in the library space and was perhaps a small bit of comfort, particularly to the Ukrainian children.

### **LOCAL STUDIES**



2022 has been a very busy year in the Local Studies Library. Staff collaborated with the Heritage Office in creating a War of Independence/Civil War in Cork exhibition, which was launched by the County Mayor, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan in Bandon Library in April. (see photo). This exhibition was also displayed in the County Library Building for Heritage Week in August.

A new Local Studies website was launched in May 2022. The new website provides enhanced access to a wide range of resources both nationally and internationally. An exhibition was developed to accompany the display of the library's first edition copy of James Joyce's Ulysses on Bloomsday in June. The County Mayor, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan was on hand to launch the display and exhibition which included additional presentations by Joyce expert, Liam Lenihan and Kieran Wyse from the Local Studies Library. Members of the Peter Golden Committee who donated the novel to the County Library also attended. Historian and author Joseph E.A Connell Jnr (who has written several books on the Decade of Centenaries period - Dublin Rising 1916, Who's Who in the Dublin Rising 1916, Michael Collins, Dublin 1916-1923 and The Shadow War) delivered a talk to a large audience on Michael Collins and his role in the War of Independence in July. An application for funding under the Heritage Stewardship Fund enabled the digitisation of the complete set of ITA files. This ensures the future preservation of the collection whilst allowing increased access to the digitised files.



A special podcast was developed to accompany this new digital collection. Further podcasts were researched and recorded during the year on a variety of topics. https://corklocalstudies.ie/podcasts/

### LIBRARY ONLINE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

#### REMOTE PRINTING

Remote printing was extended to all Branches and Mobiles during 2022. It enables users to send print jobs via an app or to a dedicated email, from home and then to collect the job at a local library at a later or more suitable time. This service has proven to be extremely popular with library users with 51,665 jobs sent in 2022. A review of photocopying services including equipment also took place during 2022 with a new service offering contactless payments due to be piloted in 2023.

### **NEW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

A new national library management system was rolled out across the country including Cork in 2022. This involved the training of staff across the county in the new system and making some changes in procedures. The changes were also communicated to the public. A new OPAC and interface for the public is also available which is more user friendly and cork county focused.



We were successful in receiving funding under the **Our Rural Future: Digital Innovation Programme 2021.** With this we expanded our remote printing solution to all locations ensuring users of our service will not be digitally disadvantaged by their rural location. During 2021, we installed printers/copiers and also software to enable printing from a device which can then be collected at a later point in a Branch or on a mobile.

### **DIGITAL SERVICES**

The popularity of our online resources continued during 2022. In particular our ebooks and eaudiobooks, with 163,104 ebook or eaudiobooks issued in 2022. The total online resources issued including enewspapers, ebooks, emagazines was 290,649. We also added to our resources with LOTE, foreign language picturebooks.

As part of our **digital literacy programme**, Tech Steps was launched during 2022. Acorns tablets were distributed to our Age Friendly branches to enable basic digital literacy to take place in one to one sessions. A number of talks also took place by Cybersafe kids on digital literacy and safe internet use for parents and guardians.

The library launched its **Library eNewsletter** this year and is produced on a monthly basis. It contains information on general library news, upcoming events and exhibitions, library competitions and much, much more. It can be subscribed to via the Cork County Council homepage via a popup box. At the end of 2022, there were about 500 users subscribed.

**WIFI4EU** has also been installed in conjunction with CCC IT, in many of our branches, with more been added in 2023. This enables free WIFI access in the vicinity of our public library branches.

### CHILDRENS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND SCHOOLS LIBRARY SERVICE:

### **Right to Read**

#### **SUMMER STARS**

The Summer Stars reading programme which ran throughout July and August was a great success. 3,800 children in Cork County registered for the programme and were encouraged to keep reading during the Summer holidays from school. Each child received a pack with reading record card, pencil, bookmark and activity sheets on registration and a certificate awarded in September to celebrate their reading success.



Summer Stars Launch Dunmanway Library

### CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

Literary events for primary school children were held in libraries across the county during October and November with authors Michael Smith, Jacqui Hurley, Brian Gallagher, Marta Boniakowska, Ann Murtagh, Judi Curtin, Carmel Kelly Damian Punch doing in-person events. Many schools still required and online offering so that their students could participate. Otherwise, location, lack of transport or costs would preclude them for enjoying the sessions. Alan Nolan and Sarah Webb did online Zoom sessions. **3060** students attended either online or in person events during CBF 2022.

### **FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**650** children and parents/guardians attended one or more of 57 events during December 2022 including Story-times, board games sessions, Christmas angel craft sessions, Lego.

#### LITTLE LIBRARY BOOK BAGS

1946 English language bags and 384 Irish language bags have been distributed to all children starting school. This includes all children aged 4 - 5 years and those arriving from Ukraine. These were distributed through the branch and mobile library network from May to August. There are still plenty of Little Library Book Bags available for children who haven't yet collected theirs. Promotion of this initiative is ongoing in libraries.

#### Dear Children,

We know that you are starting school in September. To celebrate this, the Minister for Children has asked us to put together a gift of a bag of books just for you.

The stories in the books are about starting school, being happy in yourself, and making friends, and they're waiting for you in a very special place: your local library.

A library card and a special Little Library card wallet is also included with every bag. We hope that you will join the library and come and fill up your book bag with borrowed books whenever you can.



We look forward to meeting you, and we hope you enjoy

and a love of books and reading.

Your local library













Preschool children getting their Little Library Book Bag at one of our mobile stops.

### **CLASS NOVELS AND** OTHER SCHOOL AND **TEACHER SUPPORTS**

- 229 class novels sets were loaned to primary schools in 2022.
- 1029 class visits from primary schools were made to branches and mobiles.
- 30 class visits from secondary schools were made to branches and mobiles.
- 202 presentations about library services were given to schools by branch and mobile library staff.
- 750 teacher block loan cards were in active use in 2022.

### **Teen Literature Festival**

Teen authors Ciara Smyth, Adiba Jaigirdar and William Hussey and Louise O'Neill met TY students from five schools across Cork County in November as part of a new Teen Literature Festival introduced in 2021. Themes such as inclusion, diversity and acceptance were discussed with TY students from Colaiste na Toirbhirte in Bandon, Hamilton High School Bandon, Midleton College, Davis College Mallow, Carrigaline Community School and Kinsale Community School. All books were distributed to schools in early September with the students met the authors in virtual sessions in November. This was funded by Creative Ireland and Words Will Change Worlds, Cork County Library's LGBTQI+ literature programme.



The Mayor of Cork County Council with students and teachers from Hamilton High School in Bandon to promote these competitions

### **TEEN LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2022**

### One County, One Book 2022

A total number of 3,145 secondary and Youthreach students attending One County, One Book and Teen events in November 2022. The nominated title was Not My Problem by Ciara Smyth. 500 copies of the book were sent to students in 13 secondary schools and 2 Youthreach groups in Cork County. Copies were also sent to branch and mobile libraries.

Ciara Smyth did two online events with students on November 16th and 23rd. 590 students attended these events via MS Teams. An audience of 110 students attended an in-person event with the author in Vertigo, Cork County Hall on November 11th.



### Teen Literature events - online author events

Louise O'Neill did two online events: Discussion based on Only Ever Yours on November 9th - 70 students attended and Q and A about creative writing on November 10th - approx. 600 students attended.

Sue Divin did one online event to discuss Truth be Told on November 18tt - 65 students attended.

Mary Watson did one online event to discuss Blood to Poison on November 22nd - 60 students attended.

### Teen Literature events - Fighting Words workshops

Two Fighting Words workshops were organized with Graffiti Theatre Company and Macroom and Mallow Youthreach groups. 50 students attended.

### Teen Literature events - Healthy Ireland

Two online events were held vis MS Teams. :Social Media and it's Effect on Your Mental Health with psychotherapist Fiona Hall – 45 class groups (approx. 1,200 students) attended. Nutrition and self care with dietician Gillian McConnell – 17 class groups (approx. 400 students) attended.

# STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS AND MATHS)

Maths Week Ireland took place from October 15th – 23rd. Book displays were in branch and mobile libraries. Online workshops provided by Anyone4Science were scheduled. Bandon Library did a Cipher-Wheel Making workshop for primary school children. Materials were provided, the class were in the library and the facilitator online via Zoom. 30 children attended. Mallow Library did a Maths Mind Reading workshop for primary school children. Materials were provided, the class were in the library and the facilitator online via Zoom. 30 children attended.

Science Week Ireland took please from November 13th – 20th. Book displays were in branch and mobile libraries. Workshops provided by Any4Science were scheduled. Carrigaline Library did a basic physics workshop for primary school children explaining Forces using jelly sweets. Materials were provided, the class were in the library and the facilitator online via Zoom. 30 children attended. Skibbereen Library did a basic chromatography/chemistry workshop for primary school children using Skittles sweets. Materials were provided, the class was in the library and the facilitator online via Zoom. 30 children attended.

**Cork Science Festival during Science Week.** Energy workshops for primary schools were organised in conjunction with Cork Science Festival in Cobh, Midleton and Mitchelstown branch libraries. Each branch had three workshops with 30 children. 270 children attended.

# **Lego Clubs**

To date Lego has been sent to 15 branch libraries.



Lego club display in Cobh Library

### **CLIMATE AWARENESS ACTION**



Cork County Library and Arts Service teamed up with the Cork County Council Environment -**Energy and Climate Change** Department for the launch of a campaign called 'Make One Change - Cork County Cuts Carbon'. The aim of this campaign is to encourage the public to make small but sustainable changes in their lives to help mitigate their carbon footprints. 64 events attended by 1675 people. We have a waiting list for CODEMA home energy test kits due to public demand.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Deirdre O'Brien launching the 'Make One Change – Cork County Cuts Carbon' campaign.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION**



### **NEW COMMUNITIES**



Our library branches are now information points for the HSE Emergency Healthcare Record Card service. This is a wallet sized healthcare passport to help people experiencing language or other communication barriers, mental health and memory issues to communicate their needs in a healthcare emergency i.e., talking to a paramedic or going to A&E. Cards and posters have been distributed to branches.

# **Arts Service**

2022 was an exceptionally busy year for the Arts service. The year began with COVID safety measures still in place and this impacted on client and customer engagement. Through the course of the year these measures were gradually eased resulting in a return to a full return to in-person activities in Arts venues, libraries and in other public spaces.

# **Local live Performing Programming Scheme LLPPS**

The Arts Office continued the administration the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's Local Live Performance Programming Scheme (LLPPS). The LLPPS was a temporary COVID emergency measure introduced in 2021 to provide support for the performing arts sector nationally. Local Authorities were required to develop a programme of public performance events in line with public health guidelines. Phase 3 of the scheme ran from January to June and the final Phase 4 ran from July to November. A total of €286,000 was provided by the Dept for the operation of the Scheme in 2022, resulting in 273 performances throughout the county, reaching an audience of over 35,000 and providing work opportunities for 623 professional performers and ancillary personnel.

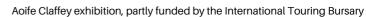


Aine Duffy in performance

# **Arts Grant Scheme**

The Arts Grant Scheme is Cork County Council's primary mechanism for providing support to the county's arts sector. Arts Grant Scheme funding supports the work of numerous voluntary arts groups, theatre groups, choirs, writers' groups, festivals, youth organisations, disability and equality organisations, individual artists and arts venues.

The 2022 Arts Grants Scheme was approved Council on Feb 14th The number of applications to the Arts Grant Scheme (189) was significantly higher than that of 2021 (160 largely due to the improving public health situation. Notwithstanding this increase, the application rate remained lower than in other years where upwards of 200 applications could be expected. The budget for the scheme was €126,000 and 87 organisations and individual artists received financial support.





# **Cork County Council Creative Ireland Programme 2022**



Creative Ireland is an all-ofgovernment, culture-based initiative that emphasises the importance of human creativity for individual, community and national wellbeing. Cork County Council is tasked with the management and delivery of the County Cork Creative Ireland Programme.

The 2022 Cork County Creative Ireland programme successfully delivered or supported over 40 projects, events and initiatives across the county. Over 8,000 participants engaged with the programme while 121 artists and creatives were hired to deliver it.

Circus Factory at Drishane

Cruinniu na nOg is an integral part of the Creative Ireland programme and is designed to showcase youth creativity. In 2022 Cruinniu na nOg took place June 16th and included 15 in-person and 2 online events. The focus this year was very much on youth led events. Arts for children and Young people by Children and Young people, facilitated by professional artists. An estimated 1,090 children and young people took part in events in various locations throughout the county.

# Highlights included:

- Social Circus, a creative engagement programme for children in the County's Direct provision centres. This is facilitated by
  Circus Factory with the largest concentration of activity in Drishane Castle Direct Provision Centre, Millstreet. Approximately
  300 people from several different countries and cultures live at the centre, with more than 50% under18. Additional funding
  for the project was secured from Creative Ireland which will an expansion of the programme in 2023
- Frameworks. In September The Arts Office invited schools around the county to participate in the second call out for Frameworks, a classroom-based creative engagement programme that is based around the Council's Art Collection. Cork County Council has a substantial collection of visual art. This civic collection includes works in various media including, painting, drawing, print, photography, video and small scale 3-dimensional work. We have developed a schools education programme that will enable young people to gain knowledge and engage creatively with work from the collection in a managed programme in the classroom. 6 schools were selected for round 2 Scoil Phadraig Naofa Bandon, Walterstown NS Cobh St Marys Dunmanway, Dungourney NS, Scoil Naomh Fionnan, Belgooly Scoil Fhionnbarra, Béal Athan Ghaorthaidh.
- The Rainbow Library: is a creative writing and illustration programme for LGBTQIA+ young people. This project is the first of its kind in County Cork and 12 participants aged 14 23 were selected to work writer Kel Menton and Belfast based illustrator Kate Alizadeh. A collection featuring the work of the participants will be launched in 2023 The Rainbow Library is connected to similar projects in Northern Ireland and the UK and was funded by Creative Ireland

# Preparation of the Creative Ireland Cork County Strategy 2023-27

In early 2022 Creative Ireland announced the Government's intention to proceed with a further five year programme. 2023-2027. A requirement for all local authorities was the preparation of a new five year strategy. The preparation of the strategy was undertaken by Arts Office personnel under the direction of the Council's Culture and Creativity Team between April and November. This involved public consultation, consultation with stakeholders and with internal directorate personnel.

The overarching aim of the strategy is to broaden access to and participation in cultural and creative activities in County Cork and to provide a road map for how culture and creativity can be used as a catalyst for collaboration and innovation in achieving community wellbeing, social cohesion and economic development over the next five years.

The findings of the consultation and the key priorities to emerge were considered by Culture Team and the Arts, Culture and Languages SPC in September. The draft plan was approved by the SPC in November and adopted by Council in December. The plan will be formally launched in February 2023.

# **Culture Night**

Cork County Council Arts Office provides a local coordinating and management role for Culture Night, the national celebration of the Arts. In 2022 Culture Night took place on Friday September 23rd. and delivered the largest level of activity and public engagement since the programme commended. 17 key towns in the county's 8 Municipal districts were designated as Culture Night Hub towns designated towns presented an opportunity to take a more developmental approach in terms of bringing various voluntary organisations together to work for a common purpose. The locations chosen were; Carrigaline Passage West, Cobh, Watergrashill, Midleton, Youghal, Mallow Charleville, Bandon Kinsale, Fermoy, Mitchelstown, Clonakilty, Skibbereen, Bantry and Macroom In addition 10 other villages and three islands also hosted activities.

In all, Culture Night Cork County delivered 232 events in 158 venues and locations. The project brought together 188 different arts, cultural and community organisations, artists and activists to deliver a spectacular programme for an estimated audience of about 9,000.



# **Arts Engagement**

#### Creative Places

This is a three year arts engagement and development programme for the West Cork Islands and mainland coastal communities. Its aim is to develop and sustain community-led cultural resilience across the seven inhabited West Cork Islands in a long-term, meaningful way that supports the environmental, social and economic well-being. Creative Places will endeavour to improve access to arts participation through connection and championing of the cultural and physical assets of place, critically examining new, existing and vernacular cultural models that affect and give effect to island life. This will be done through community-led and centred socially engaged arts practice, creating long-term sustainable and impactful programmes; by developing inter-island connections through shared cultural infrastructures involving local and international artists. To promote the use of the Irish language alongside the spectrum of other languages used across the West Cork Islands. In October Peter Prendergast took up position as Creative Places Coordinator. Since then he has commenced consultation, research and development

phase of the programme, meeting with local stakeholders, organisations and individuals.

#### · Historian in Residence

Tony Harpur concluded his residency with series of local history workshops in association with the local studies section at County Library Headquarters. Over the course of residency Tony supported Festivals and local history groups giving talks and developing networks. He worked on various small scale projects. He has also provided valuable input into the historical & natural heritage/diversity signage for the Midleton to Youghal Greenway.

#### Filmmaker in Residence

Elena Horgan from Cloyne had a very busy year working in support of the County's youth Film programme. She was principal facilitator for the Cork Young Filmmakers emerging film maker programme. She also supported the county's youth Film Festival First Cut. Towards the end of her residency she worked closely as part of the arts team at Drishane Convent and has recorded stories by the younger members of the community there. She is also working on a self directed fim which is at final edit stage.

#### · Writer in Residence

Matthew Geden was re-appointed as Writer in residence. His extensive work programme involves supporting library based writing groups, three online writing collectives, editing of the annual poetry collection and support of individual writers.

### · Sliabh Luachra Musician in Residence

Eoin (Stan) O'Sullivan continued his residency work for the Sliabh Luachra Music project. This residency is jointly supported by the Arts Offices of Cork County Council, Kerry County Council and Limerick City and County Council and is funded by the Arts Council. Eoin's work in 2022 included liaison with traditional music festivals in the Sliabh Luachra region, promotion of Sliabh Luachra music outside the area, schools visits and a busy recording schedule.

### · Creative Producer in Residence

Amna Walyatt concuded her term as the county's first Creative Producer in Residence. The aim of the residency was to focus on the South Asian community in the county, to highlight their creativity and unique cultural identity aligned with the Arts Council Ireland inclusion and diversity policy. Migrants from South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Maldives) are mostly new migrant communities, and are settled in various parts of the county and throughout Ireland. These new communities have often less chances for social engagements and are reluctant to participate in activities, resulting in isolation and alienation from cultural and social life in the wider community.

In her role as the CPIR Amna encouraged these communities to participate and produce creative outcomes through the residency programme. The project titled "South Asian Community Museum" was designed to offer multiple creative activities to engage the SA community and to accumulate their responses. Two main foci were Tapestry making and Collection of artefacts. The outcomes from these activities and the objects collected and created in the process will be added in the museum as virtual/online and physical exhibitions. Other activities included an Uillinn residency, Multicultural Cuisine, Basant and the children's workshops were generated as the project unfolded.

# **Performing Arts**

# West Cork Fit-up Theatre Festival

West Cork Fit-up Theatre Festival The 2022 Festival took place from July 14h to August 12th. 8 plays were featured and 25 performances took place in locations including Heir Island, Bere Island, Sherkin Island, Whiddy Island, Kilcrohane, Glengarriff, Dunmanway, Timoleague, and Ballydehob. Funded by Cork County Council, the Creative Places West Cork islands programme and the Arts Council. Productions featured were:

- The Handyman by Seamus O'Rourke
- Indigestion by Seamus O'Rourke
- Victor's Dung by Seamus O'Rourke
- Wake by Irene Kelleher
- The Parish with Hubcap Theatre Co
- · Appropriate and Turf by Sarah Jane Scott
- Around the World on 80 Quid by Aindreas de Staic
- · Super Star Circus

# The O'Donoghue

a new play devised by Geoff Gould based on the poetry of Cullen native Bernard O'Donoghue was launched in Culturlann MacAmhlaoibh, Newmarket in July.

# National String Quartet foundation

The Arts Office continued to work with the National String Quartet foundation to bring concerts featuring young and established professional ensembles to various venues including Youghal, Union Hall, Bantry, Bandon, Doneraile, Castletownshend, Minane Bridge, Kinsale, Banteer, Charleville, Leap and Skibbereen



Audience member awaiting the beginning of The O' Donoghue

#### **Public Realm**

Between July and September Mallow Castle hosted the installation of a large scale temporary artwork by Artist Joe Caslin who worked with Cork Migrant Centre and families seeking asylum in Ireland to create a an artwork at Mallow castle as part of a collaboration that included the UCC Glucksman Gallery and Cork Midsummer Festival. The Mallow mural was one of two large-scale works speaking to the presence and absence of the migrant community in rural and urban Ireland. Through a series of creative sessions at the Glucksman, the artist Joe Caslin worked with a group of 35 women from diverse backgrounds to explore their understanding of home. The participants were given the opportunity to share their experiences, finding connections with other members of the group and exploring creative ways that their stories could be represented. The final portraits were installed in Mallow Castle and in Sullivans Quay in Cork .

### **Housing Directorate Per Cent for Art**

- Launch of the Lissoran Per Cent for Art Project with artist Chris Bannon took place in Ballinspittle in December.
- Installation of the winning design for the Lissoran scheme began in Decmeber
- Selection for the winning design for Kilnagleary Phase 4 was completed

#### **Roads Per Cent for Art**

 N22 first stage selection has took place and 8 proposals were shortlisted.

### **RRDF Per Cent for Art**

 The brief for Ballydesmond RRDF commission for two artworks for the village was completed and an artist panel formed.

# **Arts Newsletter**

The Arts Service's monthly newsletter was revamped and launched through the Corporate Services communications portal Govdelivery.com in February. This is a monthly open subscription email newsletter. Content includes news on recent and upcoming arts activities and events organised through the Arts Office, opportunities for artists and a general arts information service.

### **Arts in Libraries**

### An Shean Bhean Óg

A new short play by Grace Kiely was commissioned by the Arts Office in partnership the Irish Office, Library Service and Graffiti Theatre Company for children of all languages in 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes. It received funding from Creative Ireland, Arts Council of Ireland and Foras na Gaeilge and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaelteacht, Sport and Media's Local Live Performance Programming Scheme (LLPPS) The inaugural tour visited libraries in Fermoy, Dunmanway, Clonakilty, Carrigaline Cobh, Baile Bhuirne, Charleville and Bandon.

### **Creative Writing publications launched in 2022**

- From the Well is the Library and Arts Service annual short story anthology The 2022 edition Going Fishing and other stories was launched by Mayor, Cllr. Danny Collins during the West Cork literary Festival in Bantry in July. In October Cork County Council Library & Arts Service launched podcasts of three of the selected stories
- The World Transformed is the second anthology
  of poetry by county based writers. The collection
  was launched by Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Deirdre Kelly
  in December. The adjudicators for this edition were
  Matthew Geden, James Harpur and Roisin Kelly.



Arran Tower in Clonakilty Library as part of the 2022 Summer Arts Programme

### **Summer Arts Programme**

An extensive summer arts programme is programmed annually in association with the Library service. In 2022 in-person activities and events resumed on a limited basis. Among the artsts and performers who took part were puppeteer Aaran Towers in his show A Trunk of Tricks Artist Claire Hurley, Performer, Damian Punch and Graffiti Theatre company who performed their Children's show Paper Play to enthusiastic audiiences.

**Childrens Book Festival** took place in libraries and online in October. Featured writers and illustrators were Michael Smith, Jacqui Hurley, Brian Gallagher, Marta Boniakowska, Ann Murtagh, Judi Curtin, Carmel Kelly and storyteller Damian Punch. In addition to in person events in many branch libraries, a series of online Zoom Sessions were organised for 48 schools with Alan Nolan and Sarah Webb.

Total attendance at in-person and online was 3,060.

# **Early Years Arts**

BEAG is an early years arts research project is a partnership project developed in association with Cork City Council, Graffiti theatre and HSE South. In the absence of the possibility for in-person delivery, the artists are developing new child centred projects and methods of delivery A representative of the Cork County Chldcare committee has been added to the steering group. Recent developments include the recruitment of additional artists for training on the programme.

# **Artist Bursary supports**

### **Dearcán Bursary**

This is an annual bursary provided by the Arts Office and South Cork LEO in association with Benchspace to support professional development of craft makers in county Cork. Dearcán provides an opportunity for the successful candidate to take a significant step forward in their creative career, whether recent graduate, new creative start-up or seasoned professional. Artist Paul McKenna was the recipient of the 2022 Dearcán Bursary award.

# **Centre Culturel Irlandais Bursary**

Cork County Council in association with Centre Culturel Irlandais (the Irish Cultural Centre), Paris selected Donoughmore based sculptor Alex Pentek for the inaugural Cork County Council Artist Residency award. This award provides an unrivalled opportunity for an artist from County Cork to stay and work for a one-month period at the Centre Culturel Irlandais. Alex is one of the county's foremost artists. As a sculptor he has created extraordinarily beautiful public artworks both in Ireland and internationally. His sculpture Kindred Spirits in Midleton has captured public imagination. Alex will participate in the CCI's cultural programme during his stay and Cork County Council Arts Office in conjunction with CCI will arrange to document and present the outcomes of the Alex's work from his residency.

#### **Youth Arts**

Cork Young Filmmakers continued to deliver an extensive youth film training programme As a medium involving many disciplines, from script to production, it provides arguably to most open access to engagment of young people in the arts. Cork Young Filmmakers delivered successful projects in Mallow, Macroom, Castletownbere, Bandon Mitchelstown, and Midleton.

# **Arts Culture and Languages SPC**

Policy	Description	Policy Partners
Creative Ireland Cork County Strategy 2023- 2027	The preparation of a five year strategy 2023-2027 is a requirement of the national Creative Ireland Programme. The SPC had oversight of and input into the preparation of the draft plan at all its meetings during 2022 and recommended adoption by Council at its November meeting	Creative Ireland National Programme Council Management Local stakeholders
Artist Remuneration Policy	Development and adoption of policy in line with national recommendations as set out by the Arts Council	Arts Council Management
County Arts Strategy (In preparation)	Policy and general principles for the development and delivery of arts and cultural services to 2025	Council Management Elected Members MDOPS
Oversight of Arts, Cultural and Language programmes operated by Cork County Council	Reports provided to Committee on a quarterly basis under the following areas:	Council Directorates Elected PPN and external members





 $Top: Culture\ Night\ in\ Mallow\ 2022\ .\ Bottom:\ Ortús\ Festival\ 2022\ at\ My\ Place\ Midleton\ -\ Fiachra\ Garvey\ and\ Fumika\ Mohri.$ 





Left: Tadhg Hickey in performance. Right: Workshop at Working Artist Studio.

# **ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT**



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# **Architects Department**

The Architects' Department play a pivotal role in the promotion of good design and architectural awareness within Cork County. They continued to provide invaluable input into the design of many projects in 2022.

- Consultation/Brief Preparation
- Building, Interior Design & Urban Design, from initial concept, through the various stages of planning, tendering and administrating the building contract until the project's completion
- Libraries & Other Civic Buildings

The following is an outline of some of the key projects that the County Architect's Department were involved in:

# **Kinsale Library**

The on-going works at Kinsale library project involves renovation, and extension of the 3-storey, 8-bay, 19th century Old Mill building at Church Square, Kinsale. It is a former granary store which is a protected structure. Designed and led by Cork County Council's Architects' Department, the project commenced works on the 9th of August 2021 with works to be completed in Q2 2023.











# **Facility Centre for Water Sports Activities, Claycastle**

The Facility Centre for Water Sports Activities will include three structures, associated landscaping and site services at Claycastle, Youghal. The structures will include a facility that will provide indoor and outdoor showers, toilets, induction spaces and public realm improvements. The team have drafted a site-specific scheme design ahead of Part 8 in early 2023.







# Youghal Courthouse & Soup Kitchen

The Architects' Department have completed and issued a feasibility report, and initial studies such as opening-up works have been carried out and a conservation report has been prepared for the development of the project to part VIII. The re-development of the former courthouse and soup kitchen at Market Square in Youghal, will house the famous Pat Lynch collection among other functions.



### **Mallow Town Hall Theatre**

The Mallow Town Hall project involves the complete remaking of an assembly of protected structures located on Main Street in the heart of Mallow. The brief includes a 200-seater auditorium, tourist office, café / bar, function room, community meeting space. The Architects' Department are leading a multidisciplinary design team and project managing the delivery of what will entail a significant investment in the cultural infrastructure of the North Cork region and surrounds. In September of 2021, the project received Part VIII planning approval. Since then the Design Team have progressed to Detailed Design with the project scheduled to go to tender in 2023.







# Youghal Lighthouse (Phase II)

In collaboration with Joseph Mackey Architects, Phase II of the Youghal Lighthouse project received Part VIII planning approval late 2021. This provides for a new cantilevered viewing platform anchored to the base of the existing historic lighthouse, extending the improvement works already complete and repurposing this impressive structure as a destination in it's own right. This project received Town and Village Renewal Scheme funding in December 2022.





# **Macroom Library and Briery Gap Theatre**

The Macroom Library and Briery Gap
Theatre project is in Macroom's Town
centre and will deliver a unique, highclass mixed-use amenity building,
boasting a new fully accessible municipal
library and 217 seat theatre together with
break- out bar space and ancillary
support spaces. Designed and led by
Cork County Council Architects'
Department, the project commenced
works in January 2022 with works to be
completed in Q1 2024.



# Former Church of Ireland, Macroom

The project received Part VIII planning approval in Q1 2022. The project will ensure the protection of the building into the future and provide a much-needed space to support the arts and cultural potential of the town. The Architects' Department led an emergency Conservation works package to safeguard the building from falling into further disrepair in 2022 with support from the Heritage Council, Historic towns initiative. Works included repointing of stone, roof repairs, works to stained glass windows, repairs to entry doors etc. Structural repair to the tower and consolidation and repair to the external envelope, removal of vegetations, repair of rainwater goods and removal of cement pointing and repointing of external stonework in an appropriate lime mortar.





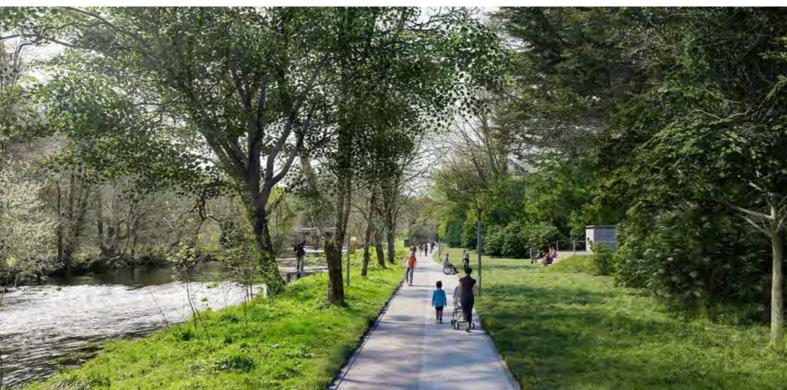




# Mill Dam/Massey Town Public Realm, Macroom

The existing public realm infrastructure in the Mill Dam/Masseytown area have suffered due to traffic congestion, neglect and lack of accessibility and do not take advantage of its potential as an area of natural beauty and key node within the town. The proposed works aim to improve the overall area in a number of ways by creating a public amenity within the millrace by way of pedestrian walkway, improved reconfiguration of existing car park to provide 5no. additional spaces, a new and improved outdoor public space, installation of a new riverbank walkway, accessible fishing jetting and outdoor picnic area. Part VIII Planning Approval was granted in Q4 2021.





# South Square Public Realm, Macroom

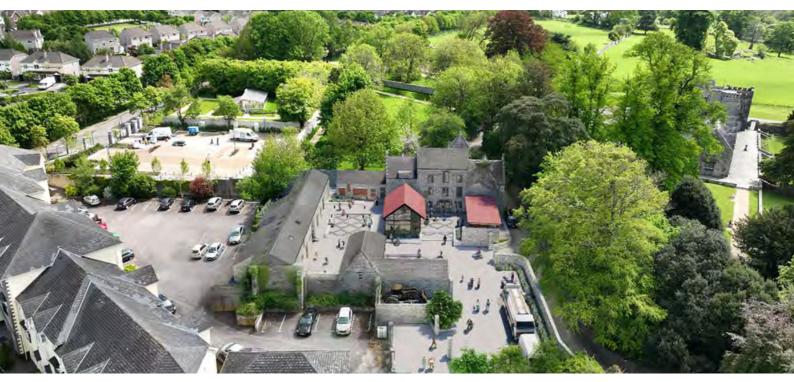
Cork County Council Architects' Department have developed a proposal and seeks to capitalize on the redeveloped Briery Gap Theatre and Library adjacent and to prepare Macroom for the "post bypass environment" by creating opportunities to bring life back to the town centre core area. The design includes for the provision of a single raised plaza consisting of the two delineated squares – one providing a traffic table, and one serving the entrance to the Briery Gap, the reduction of road carriageway width, the widening of footpaths and the reconfiguration of existing car spaces. The works will also include high quality paving, seating, landscaping, and lighting. Part VIII Planning was successfully granted for the scheme in 2021 and RRDF funding secured in 2022.





# **Mallow Castle Granary Buildings**

Cork County Council Architects' Department have developed a feasibility study and will shortly be submitting a submission for Part VIII planning. Mallow Castle Granary Buildings are a group of disused farm buildings, adjacent to Mallow Castle. The objectives of the project are: to conserve and restore the historic farm buildings, to provide areas of the farm buildings for tourism and commercial use, to increase pedestrian permeability from Mallow to Mallow Castle Grounds, to provide accessible public toilets and changing facilities, to provide facilities for CCC staff and to provide facilities to support the work of outdoor CCC staff in Mallow Castle Grounds. The renovation of Mallow Granary Buildings will create an exciting new complex of buildings to facilitate outdoor activities and festivals in Mallow. New business opportunities will be created, including a café with outdoor seating.







### Mitchelstown Public Realm

In collaboration with REDscape Landscape and Urbanism, Cork County Council Architects' Department have developed a design for proposed public realm enhancement, at the core of Mitchelstown and will shortly be submitting the project for Part VIII planning. The proposed public realm development will produce social, economic, and environmental / physical benefits with the potential to attract visitors, create a strong sense of place and facilitate enhanced pedestrian permeability, making Mitchelstown a more attractive place to work, live, visit and invest. The scope of Mitchelstown Georgian Quarter Public Realm consists of the following areas: King's St., George's St., New Market Square, and Kingston College/Kings Square.







### **Macroom Fire Station**

Construction of a new Fire Station located on located on Gurteen Road, Macroom, Co. Cork was completed in May 2022. Using a collaborative and cross departmental holistic approach, working closely with the Fire Service and other stakeholders, the project was designed by Cork County Council Architects' Department in collaboration with OCSC engineers and constructed by Cahalane Brothers. This fire station is modern and designed to enable Cork's Fire Fighters to carry out their essential work. The new building has a total floor area of approximately 340 m² over one floor and is composed of two main formal elements, an appliance bay where the fire engines are parked and a domestic bay to house the watch room, muster bay, kitchenette, lecture/training room and ancillary spaces.







# SOCIAL INCLUSION, COMMUNITY & RURAL DEVELOPMENT SPC - 2022 OVERVIEW

# Municipal District Operations and Rural Development Directorate

SPC Chair	 Cllr.	. John Paul	O'Shea

SPC Director . . . . . . . . Niall Healy SPC Administrator . . . . . . Carol Conway

The Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC met on 4 occasions in 2022 to consider and to progress a number of policy initiatives, including:

- Wheelchair Accessibility at Beaches
- Columbarium Walls
- Memorial Benches/Seating in Cemeteries
- The further Digitalization of Burial ground Records in specific Burial Grounds

### **SPC Membership**

Members External Reps

Cllr. Ian Doyle

Cllr. Michael Creed

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

Cllr. Liam Quaide

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

Cllr. Kay Dawson

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Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

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Peter Kidney PPN

Mair Kelly PPN Sorcha Ní Chrualaoich HSE

# **Agreed Priorities for 2022:**

# Policy/Guideline Development Objectives:

- 1. Wheelchair Accessibility at Beaches
- 2. Columbarium Walls

# Other objectives:

- 1. To further develop digitalization of burial ground records in specific burial grounds
- 2. Library Service:
- Assistive technologies
- Sensory supports
- Access to foreign language materials
- Digital literary supports
- Age friendly measures
- Climate awareness supports

# **Updates**

- 1. Derelict Sites
- 2. Ukrainian crisis Cork County Council Community Support

# ARTS, CULTURE AND LANGUAGES SPC - 2022 OVERVIEW

# Municipal District Operations and Rural Development Directorate

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Subcommittees. . . . . . . . . Arts/ Culture (Chair Cllr. I. Doyle) Irish languages (Chair Cllr. G. Moynihan)

SPC Director . . . . . . . . . Niall Healy SPC Administrator . . . . . . . lan McDonagh

Four online meetings of the Arts Culture and Languages SPC took place in 2022.

### **SPC Membership**

Members

External Reps

Councillor Karen Coakley
Councillor Jack White
Councillor Katie Murphy
Councillor Sinead Sheppard
Councillor Patrick Gerard Murphy
Councillor Ian Doyle
Councillor William O'Leary
Councillor Gobnait Moynihan
Councillor Ross O'Connell
Councillor Martin Coughlan
Councillor Gearóid Murphy
Councillor Sheila O'Callaghan
Councillor Alan O'Connor

Ken Buckley
Colum Cronin
Michael de Buitleir
Judith Gilbert
Mary Hegarty
Geoff Gould
Eamon Lankford
Ann Davoren

# Work Programme and Achievements in 2022

- Library Development Plan:
   2020 2025
- Public Art policy development
- COVID Impact on the Arts Survey
- · Creative Ireland operations
- Heritage & Commemorations
- Irish Language

### **Agreed Future Priorities**

- Development of new Council Arts Strategy
- Irish Language promotion and development
- Cultural Heritage Policy Development
- Inclusion and Diversity in Cultural Policy

# **CORK AGE FRIENDLY COUNTY PROGRAMME**

# **Age Friendly Towns**

Since embarking on its Age Friendly Towns Programme in 2016, Cork County Council has introduced the initiative in eight towns, with the aim of improving the quality of life of older people in Cork county.

Kinsale, Bandon, Mitchelstown and Cobh were the first towns to embark on their journey to Age Friendly status and continue to add initiatives such as promoting agefriendly businesses, developing age-friendly parking, age/wheelchair friendly outdoor seating, as well as running a host of fun inclusive activities for older people. The Age Friendly office supported the Bandon Age Friendly Afternoon Tea party in November 2022 which was held in the Munster Arms Hotel.

Bantry, Charleville, Millstreet and Passage West/ Monkstown have now also joined the programme. The council worked with these four towns to overcome obstacles during the COVID 19 pandemic, meeting virtually to kick start the initiative in their areas.





# The Mayor visits Age Friendly Town, Mitchelstown

Mayor Gillian Coughlan visited Age Friendly Town, Mitchelstown in May 2022. The local Age Friendly Committee Members and wonderful older community of Mitchelstown gathered in the Social Hub and told stories of the beginning of the Age Friendly journey and the path towards achieving the Age Friendly Charter. The walkabout through the town was testament to the ongoing efforts being made to make Mitchelstown an even greater town to grow older in.

The Social Hub's Singing for the Brain Group sang with joy and their Art Enthusiasts also had a very professional art display – just two of the many activities being held at the Social Hub, under the expert guidance of Hannah and Kathleen.

The evening ended with a tea-party, chitchat and a singsong, joined in voice, by Cork County's Age Friendly Ambassador Charles McAllister.





Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, Cllr. Frank Flynn, Liz Downes (Vice Chair OPC), Mayor Gillian Coughlan, Cllr. Kay Dawson, Liz Maddox (Chair OPC) with the Mitchelstown Age Friendly Team.

# **Cork County Older People's Council**



At the launch of the Age Friendly Calendar which took place at Cork County Hall, were the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan with (clockwise from left), Paraig Lynch, Age Friendly Programme Manager, Cork County Council; Mary Creedon, Programme Co-ordinator; Liz Maddox, chair of the Older People's Council (OPC) and Liz Downes, vice-chair of the Older People's Council (OPC).

Cork County Older People's Council (OPC) met four times in 2022. The OPC is a forum for people who are 55 years old and older and plays a vital role in the council's Age Friendly Programme. Members were kept up to date on items of interest with a quarterly newsletter. The Age Friendly office continually works with the OPC to distribute useful information.

In February 2022 Cork County Council along with the Older People Council launched a publicity drive for new members to join the OPC in Cork County. New members were encouraged to join the Cork County Older People's Council through articles in local regional papers and poster distributed to all the libraries.

In addition, a tabletop calendar was distributed through the network of eight Age Friendly Towns encouraging members of the public to consider joining the Older Peoples Council.

# **Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme**

Cork County Council rolled out a new initiative to help allow elderly people be cared for in their homes and communities for as long as possible. It's one of nine local authorities in Ireland to participate in the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme, a two-year project funded by Sláintecare and Age Friendly Ireland.

Marie Nolan is the Local Coordinator for County Cork.

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The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr, Gillian Coughlan welcomed the new programme, saying: "We have a rapidly ageing population here in Ireland. The majority of people wish to remain living in their own homes and communities which unfortunately is not always possible. The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme is an important, personcentred initiative aimed at helping older people continue living in their homes or in one more suited to their needs. I'm delighted that Cork County Council is among the first local authorities to participate in this programme which I'm sure will make a real difference to the lives of people living in communities across the county."

Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey, added: "Cork County Council and Age Friendly Cork are proud to support the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme, which has a focus on universal design and energy efficiency, ultimately helping to ensure that the participants are living in a safe and warm environment that best suits their individual needs and most importantly, their own home."

### **Cork County Age Friendly Alliance**

The Cork County Age Friendly Alliance met four times in 2022. The Cork County Age Friendly Alliance is a strategic partnership for the county that brings together the statutory, private, voluntary and community sectors to create new initiatives and services and enhance those that already exist for older people in their communities. The Alliance brings together senior leaders from the Gardaí, HSE, transport providers, voluntary organisations, third level institutions, individual leaders and members of Cork County Older People's Council. All of these stakeholders share the vision of improving the quality of life for older people in County Cork. For further information on the Cork County Council's Age Friendly Programme, please contact agefriendly@corkcoco.ie



# Conclusion

The Municipal District Operations and Rural Development Directorate experienced a very busy and productive year. The directorate continued to adapt and transform how it delivers essential services to the public.

A good example is the manner in which the council responded to the Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis. The Council's Ukraine Response Support Programme - which includes a dedicated support helpline- handled in excess of 240 requests for support during 2022. The programme involved collaboration across statutory, community and voluntary organisations across the county, and resulted in the established and operation of emergency rest centres by the Council, the processing of pledged property offers, and the assessment of suitable vacant medium term accommodation. As of year end, in excess of 3,500 beneficiaries of temporary protection had been accommodated in communities across Cork County.

In 2022, the library service continued to provide a highly innovative community service which has been widely recognised for its innovation and the positive manner in which it contributed to people's lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At an operational level, the directorate was successful in securing funding across a range of funding programmes, including:

- Rural Regeneration Development Fund
- Urban Regeneration Development Fund
- Town & Village Renewal
- CLAR (rural development)
- Outdoor Recreation Investment Scheme
- Greenways & Blueways initiatives
- Local Live Performance Programming Scheme
- Outdoor Performance Spaces Scheme
- My Open Library



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The Municipal Districts work closely with Elected Members. This collaborative approach has added to the success of Cork County Council self-funded schemes such as the Village Enhancement Scheme and the Streetscape, Painting, Signage and Improvement Scheme. The Community Fund Scheme is vital in sustaining the activities and vibrancy of our town and village communities.

The efforts of the many Tidy Towns groups across Cork County must also be acknowledged. Groups from across the county continue to set high standards in the presentation of our towns and villages. This is the culmination of hard work and effort by these voluntary groups. The Municipal Districts will continue to assist these groups to ensure that our towns and villages are maintained to the highest standard.

The Library Service continues to set the standard for others to follow. The Council is proud of the fact that it is such an inherent part of our community. It makes a massive contribution to people's lives. As a statement of it's continued commitment, Cork County Council invested in new branch library facilities in Bandon and Kanturk, both of which were funded from Cork County Council's own resources. These facilities will serve people, children, schools, residential institutions etc in these towns and their expansive hinterlands. Work progressed on site in the new library building in Kinsale, while works commenced on site for the Briery Gap refurbishment project. These are both highly ambitious projects which will be flagship facilities when they are concluded in the coming year.

The council recognises that the depth and breadth of cultural talent and creativity is a key part of the quality of life in our county. The council prioritised supports for the creative and entertainment sectors, with live events, performances and entertainment all returning safely to our streets and outdoor public spaces in the second half of the year.

The Cork County Age Friendly Alliance and Older People's Council were as active as ever during the year. The 4 no. new age friendly towns - Bantry, Charleville, Millstreet and Passage West - were supported by the Age Friendly Office in developing new ideas and initiatives. It is reassuring to see new ideas coming to fruition, especially when it comes to making our towns more attractive for older people to live in and visit.

The Architects Department played a key role in the delivery of many transformational projects. This Department plays a wider role in the promotion and ideation of design and architectural awareness, and in project managing many innovative and complex initiatives.

2022 was a challenging year. It was also a year of change. Many good things were achieved and the plan is to build further on these achievements in 2023.

Niall Healy
Director of Services

# **APPENDIX**

**ALLOCATION** 

# **AMENITY FUND SCHEME 2022**

### **BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION** €7,500.00 Bandon Bussiness Association €3,000.00 Bandon Historical Society €3,000.00 Bandon St Patrticks Day Parade €10,000.00 Bandon Town Hall Group Belgooly Summer Festival €1,500.00 €4,000.00 Butlerstown Community Hall Assoc Cork Film Centre - Cork Young Filmmakers Programme - Bandon €1,000.00 Young Filmmakers Summer Camp 2022 Courtmacsherry Development Association €4,000.00 €1.000.00 Courtmacsherry St Patrick's Day Parade Committee €2,000.00 Gaggin Community Association Limited €4,000.00 K.R.D Community Association ltd. €500.00 Kilpadder Famine Graveyard Kinsale Regatta Committee €3,000.00 Kinsale Youth Community Cafe €3,000.00 €7,500.00 Liz Timmons (Kinsale Christmas) €2,000.00 Maria Curran (Newcestown Community Festival) €3,000.00 Newcestown Parish Hall

### **CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### **APPLICANT NAME**

55th Cork Carrigaline Scout Group	€3,000.00
Ballinhassig Community Development Association	€1,350.00
Ballinhassig GAA Club	€6,500.00
Ballinora and District Community Association	€800.00
Ballygarvan Community Associaton	€7,700.00
Carrigaline Community Association Ltd	€4,000.00
Carrigaline Ladies Football Club	€2,700.00
Carrigaline Tennis Club	€4,500.00
Carrigaline Tidy Towns	€3,000.00
Crosshaven Basketball Club	€950.00
Crosshaven Pitch & Putt	€2,500.00
Crosshaven Rugby Football Club	€4,700.00
Dún Eoin Residents	€800.00
Five Mile Bridge community group	€1,500.00
Laburnum Avenue Residents Group	€800.00
Order Of Malta Ambulance Corps	€1,500.00
Owenabue Special Olympics Sports Club	€1,200.00
Passage West Tidy Towns	€220.00
Shamrocks Hurling and Football Club	€3,500.00
Tracton Athletics Club	€1,000.00

### **COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
118th Cork, Watergrasshill Scout Group	€1,200.00
Ballymore Community Association	€2,625.00
Carrig na BhFear Juvenile GAA Club	€2,075.00
Cobh Animation Team	€700.00
Cobh Camogie Club	€725.00
Cobh Community Allotment	€1,275.00
Cobh Gaa	€3,075.00
Cobh Heritage and Vintage Era	€400.00
Cobh ladies football club	€800.00
Cobh YMCA	€3,200.00
Cobh YMCA (PAKT programme)	€450.00
Cove boxing club	€400.00
Cove Sailing Club	€4,400.00
Elton Pitch & Putt	€375.00
Erins Own GAA Club	€4,350.00
Friends of Cobh Hospital	€3,400.00
Glounthaune Community Association	€875.00
Irish Bee Conservation Project CLG.,	€875.00
Knockraha Area Community Association CLG	€600.00
Little Island Heritage Group	€1,175.00
Cobh Caged Birds Society	€975.00
Rockban Ladies Football and Camogie Club	€4,000.00
Rockmount AFC	€2,975.00
Rushbrooke Rowing Club	€2,375.00
Sirius Arts Centre	€5,275.00
The Molgoggers	€1,000.00
Watergrashill United	€1,100.00
Watergrasshill Community Association	€2,600.00
Watergrasshill Community Hall	€2,600.00
Watergrasshill First Fruits Art Centre	€1,475.00
Watergrasshill GAA Club	€4,775.00
Watergrasshill Planning & Development Association	€2,600.00
Waterloo AFC	€1,750.00
Whitechurch GAA Club	€4,250.00

# **EAST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

# **FERMOY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION	APPLICANT NAME
Cherrywood Ridge & Heights Residents Association	€500.00	Mitchelstown / Ballygiblin Juvenile GAA
Cumann na Daoine	€500.00	Araglin Pony Club
Kyle National School	€2,000.00	Art for the Heart
Dungourney GAA Club	€5,000.00	Art for the Heart - Doneraile Samhain Fest
Youghal Community Transport Group Ltd.	€5,000.00	Ballyhooly Community Sportsfield
Youghal Communications CLG	€5,000.00	Blackwater Subagua Club Search and Re
Midleton RFC	€5,000.00	Castlehyde Restoration 2022 Group
Cumann na Daoine teo	€1,000.00	Castlelyons Pitch and Putt
Dungourney Camogie Club	€4,000.00	Castletownroche Community Alert group
Youghal Pipe Band	€1,000.00	Castletownroche Community Centre
Comhaltas Craobh Eochaille	€5,000.00	Catholic Men and Women's Society Ferm
St Itas GAA Club	€3,000.00	Clondulane Community Association
Comhaltas Craobh Eochaille	€5,000.00	Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services Mitchels
Fr. O Neills Camogie Club	€1,500.00	Conna Community Council Hall
Youghal Rugby Football Club	€5,000.00	Conna Community Council Hall Complex
Fr O Neills GAA Club	€5,000.00	Coolagown Development Group
	€5,000.00	Fermoy Bridge Club t/a Fermoy Commerc
23rd Midleton Scout Group	€1,500.00	
Ballintotis Area Community Council	€1,000.00	Fermoy Concert Band
May Sunday Festival		Fermoy International Garden FIG
Greywood Arts - Youth Group	€1,000.00	Fermoy Rowing Club
First Cut Youth Film Festival 2022	€500.00	Fermoy Association Football Club
LISGOOLD GAA CLUB	€5,000.00	Fermoy Rowing Club
East Cork Rapid Response	€7,000.00	Glenville Community Hall
FON Ballymacoda CLG, T/A FON Community Sports Complex	€1,500.00	Gleann an Phréacháin Cuideachta Faoi T
Youghal Little Theatre	€1,000.00	Glenville GAA Club
Knockadoon Camp	€1,500.00	Killavullen Community Council
Conradh na Gaeilge Eochaill	€300.00	Kilworth GAA Club
Clean Coasts Ballynamona	€4,000.00	Kilworth Ladies JUVENILE Football Club
Youghal Family Resource Initiative	€1,000.00	Kilworth Sports Complex
Youghal Community Health Project	€1,000.00	Mitchelstown Allotments
Youghal United AFC	€5,000.00	Mitchelstown Community Council
Cork Film Centre	€500.00	Mitchelstown Heritage Society
Lower Aghada Tennis and Sailing Club	€1,000.00	Mitchelstown Town Hall Committee c/o M
Whitegate Rowing Club	€1,000.00	Presentation Pastoral Centre CLG
Lower Aghada Pier Development Group	€1,000.00	Rathcormac Community Council
Youghal Pigeon Club	€300.00	Rathcormac Community Council
Ballymacoda Hall Committee	€500.00	Rathcormac FC
Ballymacoda Ladysbridge Community Council	€500.00	RATHCORMAC SCOUT GROUP
Youghal Karate Club	€1,500.00	Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre
Cumann Luthchleas Gael Mainistir na Corann	€5,000.00	Shanballymore GAA
Youghal Choral Society	€700.00	St Fanahans Camogie / ladies Football Cl
Killeagh Camogie Club	€5,000.00	T.O PARK COMMUNITY & SPORTS CLUB
Woodview Court Residents Association	€300.00	Tom O Flynn (Mitchelstown GAA executive
Bayview Grove Residents Association	€500.00	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Midleton Men s Shed CLG	€1,500.00	
Youghal Community Centre	€1,000.00	
Sweetfield s Residents Association	€300.00	KANTURK MALLOW MU
Midleton Bridge Club	€4,300.00	KAN I OKK WALLOW WIC
Midleton Conradh na Gaeilge	€300.00	
Aghada and district community Council	€1,000.00	APPLICANT NAME
Churchvilla FC	€7,000.00	711 1 210/1111 11/11112
	€300.00	Cherleville (Chapel Streert) Community F
Summerdale Lawn Residents Association	€500.00	Milford GAA
Cois Abhainn Residents Committee		Kanturk AFC CLG
Cumann na Daoine	€500.00	Grenagh Village Renewal
Youghal Activew Retirement Association	€3,500.00	Bweeng Community Hall & Grounds
Dungourney GAA Club	€5,000.00	
Swim Ireland	€3,000.00	Hazelwood Tennis Club
Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club	€2,000.00	Thomas Davis Pipe Band, Mallow Kilshannig Pitch and Putt club

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Mitchelstown / Ballygiblin Juvenile GAA	€1,350.00
Araglin Pony Club	€720.00
Art for the Heart	€2,700.00
Art for the Heart - Doneraile Samhain Festival	€1,350.00
Ballyhooly Community Sportsfield	€1,350.00
Blackwater Subaqua Club Search and Recovery Unit	€1,800.00
Castlehyde Restoration 2022 Group	€630.00
Castlelyons Pitch and Putt	€720.00
Castletownroche Community Alert group	€270.00
Castletownroche Community Centre	€1,800.00
Catholic Men and Women's Society Fermoy	€450.00
Clondulane Community Association	€1,350.00
Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services Mitchelstown	€900.00
Conna Community Council Hall	€4,500.00
Conna Community Council Hall Complex Committee	€900.00
Coolagown Development Group	€900.00
Fermoy Bridge Club t/a Fermoy Commercial Club	€270.00
Fermoy Concert Band	€450.00
Fermoy International Garden FIG	€450.00
Fermoy Rowing Club	€1,800.00
Fermoy Association Football Club	€1,800.00
Fermoy Rowing Club	€1,800.00
Glenville Community Hall	€2,700.00
Gleann an Phréacháin Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta	€1,350.00
Glenville GAA Club	€2,700.00
Killavullen Community Council	€2,700.00
Kilworth GAA Club	€4,000.00
Kilworth Ladies JUVENILE Football Club	€720.00
Kilworth Sports Complex	€1,800.00
Mitchelstown Allotments	€720.00
Mitchelstown Community Council	€1,350.00
Mitchelstown Heritage Society	€900.00
Mitchelstown Town Hall Committee c/o Mitchelstown Parish	€4,000.00
Presentation Pastoral Centre CLG	€1,800.00
Rathcormac Community Council	€1,350.00
Rathcormac Community Council	€3,810.00
Rathcormac FC	€3,810.00
RATHCORMAC SCOUT GROUP	€900.00
Saint George s Arts and Heritage Centre	€4,500.00
Shanballymore GAA	€2,250.00
St Fanahans Camogie / ladies Football Club	€1,350.00
T.O PARK COMMUNITY & SPORTS CLUB	€1,800.00
Tom O Flynn (Mitchelstown GAA executive Committee)	€2,700.00

# **IUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Cherleville (Chapel Streert) Community Hall	€2,000.00
Milford GAA	€3,000.00
Kanturk AFC CLG	€3,000.00
Grenagh Village Renewal	€400.00
Bweeng Community Hall & Grounds	€2,000.00
Hazelwood Tennis Club	€200.00
Thomas Davis Pipe Band, Mallow	€1,500.00
Kilshannig Pitch and Putt club	€1,000.00
Rockchapel Development Association	€1,500.00
Charleville Golf Club	€2,000.00
Cork Chapter Munster Branch Irish Pipe Band Association	€2,000.00
Musica Fusion Community Orchestra	€500.00
DROMAHANE TENNIS CLUB	€1,000.00
Knocknagree St. Patrick s Day Parade Group	€400.00
Castlemagner Sinsir Club	€1,500.00
Kanturk Mens Shed	€800.00
Buttevant GAA Club	€3,000.00
Boherbue Festival Committee	€1,000.00
Mourneabbey Community Council	€3,500.00
Glantane Community Council	€1,500.00
Kanturk GAA	€3,000.00
Our Ladies Well Committee Castleharrison Ballyhea	€2,000.00
Grenagh Parish Field	€2,500.00
Castlemagner GAA	€8,000.00
Mallow RFC	€5,000.00
Kilcorney Community Council	€1,500.00
Glantane Community Council	€700.00
Castlemagner Community Development Association	€1,500.00
Grenagh United	€1,100.00
Liscarroll Churchtown Gaels GAA	€4,500.00
Ballydesmond GAA	€5,000.00
Mallow Sheltered Care Clg	€1,500.00
Mallow St. Patrick s Day Parade Committee	€1,500.00

€4,000.00

€2,500.00

€5,000.00

### KANTURK MALLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (CONT.)

### **MACROOM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Kiskeam Development Association	€1,500.00
Charleville AFC	€800.00
Lombardstown Tennis Club	€1,000.00
Newmarket G.A.A. Club	€5,000.00
Mallow Search and Rescue	€5,000.00
Mallow Scout Group	€300.00
Cork International Film Festival CLG (CIFF)	€500.00
Cork Film Centre- Cork Young Filmmakers Programme	€250.00
Grenagh Camogie & Ladies Football Club	€1,000.00
Mallow GAA Club	€6,000.00
Hazelwood Tennis Club	€2,000.00
Newmarket Community Development association	€1,000.00
Avondhu Camogie	€1,000.00
Knocknagree LGFA	€400.00
Knocknagree Fairfield Tidy Towns Committee	€4,000.00
Ballyclough GAA Club	€5,000.00
Freemount Community Development Association	€800.00
Glen Haven Residents Association	€400.00
Ballyhea Parish New Hall Committee	€600.00
Mallow United AFC	€4,000.00
St Mary's Ladies Football Club	€400.00
Kilshannig Active Retirement Association	€350.00
Old Kilcorney Graveyard Committee	€2,000.00
Gilbert Centre	€1,000.00
Charleville GAA Club	€3,000.00
Meelin Amenity Projects C.L.G	€5,000.00
Kiskeam GAA	€1,000.00
Freemount GAA Club	€1,000.00
Sliabh Luachra Gaels	€300.00
Laharn Community Action CLG	€1,000.00
Heritage Sub Group of Mallow Development Partnership	€400.00
Grenagh GAA Club	€5,000.00

#### **APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION** 109th Cork Ballinora Scout Group €700.00 €2,500.00 Aghabullogue GAA €2,800.00 Altamount Residents Association €500.00 Aubane Social Club Ballinora and District Community Association €600.00 €400.00 €4,000.00 Berrings Community Association/ Berrings Tidy Towns Bui'on Phi'obairi' Be'al A'tha n Ghaorthaidh €2,000.00 Canovee GAA Carrigadrohid Community Association €1,200.00 €5,500.00 Coachford AFC Clondrohid Community Recreational Facilities Limited €4,500.00 €500.00 Coachford 200 €2,200.00 Coachford Christmas Lights Coachford Schoolboys Soccer club €1,100.00 €1,800.00 Comhlacht Tithe Sóisialta & Forbairt an tSuláin Teo. €927.00 Cork Film Centre - Cork Young Filmmakers Programme €2,800.00 Croi Na Laoi Development Society, Inchigeela €1,800.00 Cumann Peile Béal Átha n Ghaorthaidh Donoughmore Community First Responders Group €1,500.00 Donoughmore Writers and Historical Group €2,750.00 €250.00 €3,000.00 Glebe Residents Association Iveleary GAA Club €2,000.00 Kilmichael GAA Club €1,200.00 Kilmurry Christmas Lights Committee Kilmurry GAA €4,000.00 €400.00 Lee Valley Enterprise Board - Tourist Project Lee Valley Rowing Club €2,100.00 €1,750.00 €1,000.00 Los Zarcos Fc Macroom Badminton Club €500.00 Macroom Community Leisure Centre €1,750.00 Macroom Girl Guides €8,000.00 Macroom Golf Club €1,200.00 Macroom Juvenile GAA Club Macroom Men s Shed €1,200.00 Macroom Senior Citizens €3,500.00 €2,000.00 €400.00 Macroom Town Park Trustees Masseytown Community Group €2,000.00 Millstreet Camogie Club €700.00 Millstreet Day Centre €8,000.00 Millstreet Town Park Committee Mullach na Réidh Teoranta €1,000.00 Muskerry Rugby Club €2,000.00 O Mahony s Terrace & Radharc na Croise €1,200.00 €1,200.00 Rylane Community Park Associatin €2,000.00 St. Val's Ladies Football Club - Donal Dalv €1,400.00 Sullane FC (Peileadóirí an tSuláin)

TAFI - Trout Anglers Federation of Ireland Munster Branch

Tiny Feet Fairy Garden

Member's Discretionary Fund

# WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

# APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION

BEDA - Ballineen & Enniskeane Devel Assoc	€1,000.00
Bantry Development & Tourism	€1,000.00
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Rosscarbery Community Council	€1,000.00
Caheragh Community Association	€1,000.00
Skibbereen Sports Centre	€1,000.00
Clonakilty Mens Shed	€2,000.00
BEDA - Ballineen & Enniskeane Devel Assoc	€2,000.00
Ballinacarriga Community Development Group	€1,000.00
Clonakilty Twinning Association	€1,000.00
Schull & District Community Council/Muintir Na Tíre	€1,000.00
Castletown Kenneigh Community Association	€1,000.00
Ballineen & Enniskeane Tidy Towns Association	€3,000.00
Bere Island Projects Group	€1,000.00
Skibbereen & District Chamber of Commerce (Skibbereen	€10,000.00
Partnership)	
Rocky Road Men's Shed	€1,700.00
Ellen Hutchins Festival	€1,000.00
Goleen and District Community Council	€1,000.00
Clonakilty Chamber of Commerce CLG	€10,000.00
Adrigole Family Resource Centre T/A The Caha Centre	€2,000.00
Skibbereen & District Chamber of Commerce (Skibbereen	€1,000.00
Partnership)	
Clonakilty Agricultural Show Ltd	€1,000.00
Urhan Community Council	€2,000.00
Bantry Development & Tourism	€1,000.00
Ardfield Rathbarry Playground	€2,000.00
Drimoleague Heritage Walkways	€1,500.00

# **CAPITAL FUND SCHEME 2022**

### **BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION

Argideen Rangers GAA Club €20,000.00

### **CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION	
Carrigaline Athletics and Carrigaline Rugby	€15,000.00	
Carrigaline GAA Club	€10,000.00	
Carrigaline United AFC	€10,000.00	
Crosshaven Association Football Club	€10,000.00	
Monkstown Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club	€10,000.00	

€10,000.00

### **COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Passage West GAA Club

### APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION

Carrigtwohill Community Centre	€10,000.00
Cobh Golf Club	€10,000.00
Little Island Community Association	€10,000.00
Springfield Ramblers	€10,000.00

### **EAST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION

€10,000.00
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### KANTURK MALLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Knocknagree Community Development Group CLG (KCDG)	€20,000.00
Duhallow Culturlann Teo.	€20,000.00
Kanturk & District Community Council Limited	€10,000.00
Banteer Community Sportsfield CLG	€20,000.00
BUTTEVANT AFC LTD	€10,000.00
Bweeng Trail Blazers athletic club	€20,000.00

### **MACROOM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Ballinora GAA	€8,000.00
Canovee Circle of Friends (Active retirement)	€8,000.00
Cloughduv Hurling Club	€8,000.00
Cumann Camógaíochta Iniscartha	€8,000.00
Cumann Peile Cill na Martra	€2,500.00
Donoughmore Community Centre CLG	€8,000.00
Dripsey GAA Club	€8,000.00
Laochra Og Hurling & Camogie Club	€8,000.00
Macroom G.A.A CLUB	€10,000.00
Rylane Celtic AFC	€8,000.00
The Crann Centre CLG	€10,000.00

### WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

#### APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION €

Bantry Boys Club	€10,000.00
Beara sports hall committee	€10,000.00
Schull Town Park Committee Ltd	€10,000.00
Eyeries Community Development	€10,000.00
Castletownbere GAA Club	€10,000.00

### **FERMOY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

### APPLICANT NAME ALLOCATION

18-19th Fermoy Scout Group	€10,000.00
Bride Rovers GAA Club	€10,000.00
Castlelyons GAA Club	€10,000.00
Doneraile GAA	€10,000.00
Fermoy GAA Club	€10,000.00
Glanworth gaa community field	€10,000.00
Killavullen GAA Club	€10,000.00
Park United AFC	€10,000.00
Saint George s Arts and Heritage Centre	€10,000.00

# **COMMUNITY CONTRACTS 2022**

### BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Ahiohill Tidy Towns	€2,000.00
Ballinadee Tidy Towns	€1,600.00
Ballinspittle	€3,500.00
Bandon Tidy Towns	€15,000.00
Belgooly	€3,500.00
Courtmacsherry Tidy Towns Committee	€2,000.00
Innishannon	€4,500.00
Kilbrittain	€3,500.00
Kinsale Tidy Towns	€15,000.00
Lislevane Community Association	€1,000.00
Molaga Tidy Towns Association (Timoleague)	€3,500.00
Newcestown Tidy Village and Development Group	€2,000.00
Ring Tidy Villages	€1,500.00

### **CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Ballinora Tidy Towns         €3,000.00           Crossbaven Tidy Towns         €10,000.00
Ballinhassig Village Association €10,000.00
Monkstown Tidy Towns €3,778.00 Fountainstown Community Association €3,000.00
Shanbally Tidy Towns €3,000.00
Ballygarvan Community Association €3,000.00 Carrigaline Tidy Towns €13,500.00
Passage West Tidy Towns €10,500.00 Halfway Tidy Village Association €3,000.00

### **EAST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Ballycotton Development	€1,000.00
Ballinacurra Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Castlemartyr Community Council	€3,400.00
Dungourney Clonmult community council	€1,000.00
Saleen & District Residents Association	€3,000.00
BLCC Ladysbridge Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500.00
Quains Terrace Residents Association	€500.00
Knockadoon Enhancement Group (KEP)	€3,500.00
Ballymacoda Ladysbridge Community Council	€1,500.00
Whitegate Village Residents Association	€500.00
Seaview Place Resident's Association	€500.00
St. Anne s Rise Residents Association	€500.00
McCurtainstown Residents Association	€300.00
Dysart Grove Residents Association, Youghal	€500.00
Millfield Abbey Residents	€300.00
Youghal Tidy Towns Committee	€10,000.00
Raheen Park Residents Association	€300.00
Ballycotton Development and Tidy Towns	€2,000.00
Rostellan Development Association	€1,500.00
Daniel Deady	€400.00
Saleen & District Residents Association	€1,500.00
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### KANTURK MALLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (CONT.)

**ALLOCATION** 

DROMINA COMMUNITY COUNCIL	€1,500.00
Cullen Tidy Towns	€5,000.00
Burnfort Amenity Tidy Towns and Village Group	€1,500.00
Freemount Tidy Towns	€1,500.00
Clonmore Residents Association	€500.00

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### FERMOY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Araglin Community Council	€2,700.00
Ard An Bhothair Residents Asoc	€270.00
AROMA	€7,200.00
Ballinwillin Close Residents Association	€270.00
Beechwood Grove	€270.00
Brough & Turnpike Residents Association	€270.00
Brough and Turnpike Residents Association (Doneraile)	€270.00
Captain Keanes Grove Residents Association	€135.00
Carraigroe Residents Association	€270.00
Castletownroche Tidy Towns	€2,700.00
Coill Darrach Residents Association	€270.00
Cois Coillte Kilworth Residents Association	€270.00
Conna Tidy Town	€1,080.00
Coolagown Development Group	€1,800.00
Corrin View Estate	€5,000.00
Fermoy Tidy Towns	€7,200.00
Forest glen residents association	€270.00
Glaise na mbreac Residents Association	€270.00
Glanworth Tidy Towns	€2,700.00
Hillcrest Residents Association	€270.00
Kildorrery Community Development Ltd	€2,700.00
Lios Árd Resident Association	€270.00
Lui Na Greine Residents Association	€270.00
Old Kilcrumper Graveyard Friends Association	€720.00
Rathealy Heights Residents Association	€270.00
Residents Captain Keanes Grove	€135.00
Residents of Pairc na Gcrann	€270.00
Residents of The View, Ballyhooly, Co Cork	€270.00
Shanballymore Community Development Association CLG	€900.00
Sliabh Alainn Residents Committee	€270.00
St. Fanahan s Holy Well Committee	€450.00
Thornbury Meadows & Woodland Pk Residence association	€270.00

### KANTURK MALLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Townview Rockbrook Lawn Residents Association	€200.00
Broomscourt residents association	€300.00
Beechwood Park Residents Association	€300.00
Lombardstown Community Council	€1,500.00
Kiskeam Development Association	€1,500.00
Eglantine Crescent Residents Association Mallow	€400.00
Love Lane Public Area's Committee	€300.00
Deerpark heights residents (Trevor Flynn)	€300.00
Ard an Bhaile Residents Association	€300.00
River Valley Residents Association	€600.00
The Orchard Resident Association	€800.00
Curragh Court Residents Association	€500.00
Charleville Tidy Towns	€6,000.00
Castlemagner Tidytowns	€1,500.00
Mallow Tidy Towns	€6,000.00
Residents Association, The Orchard, Clancy Terrace, Charleville, Co. Cork	€300.00
boherbue and District Community Development Association	€2,000.00
Boherbue and District Community Development Association	€10,000.00
Willowbank Residents Association	€300.00
Lime Kiln Resdients Association	€300.00
Newmarket community development association	€1,500.00
Ballydesmond Development Association	€1,500.00
Milford tidy towns (and tiny tidies)	€1,500.00
White Oaks Residents Assoc.	€700.00
Millenium Sacred Heart Grotto Committee	€700.00
Twopothouse Development Association	€1,500.00
Brindle Hill Home Owners & Residents Association	€300.00
Bearforest Residents Association	€300.00
Rathgoggin Heights Residents Assocciation	€300.00
Pastures Grasscutting	€400.00
Meadowvale Residents Association	€300.00
Tullylease Community/Tidy Town	€1,500.00
Springwood Resident's Association	€800.00
Avondale Pk RESIDENTS aSSOC	€800.00
St. Theresa's Place Residents Association	€500.00
Meelin Community Council	€1,500.00
Kanturk Tidy Towns Committee	€5,000.00
Elms Residents Association	€500.00
Banteer Tidy Towns	€1,500.00
Joanna Mews Residents	€300.00

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### **COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

#### **APPLICANT NAME** ALLOCATION Carrigtwohill tidy Towns €10,000.00 Cobh Tidy Towns €20,000.00 Factory Hill/Kilcoolishal Tidy Towns €1,000.00 €10,000.00 Glounthaune Tidy Towns (GTT) €3,500.00 Knockraha Area Community Association CLG Tidy Towns Group €5,000.00 Little Island Tidy Towns Watergrasshill Tidy Towns €8,000.00 Upper Mount Eaton Residents Association €150.00 Mount Eaton Residents Association €150.00 Dawn View Residents association €150.00 €150.00 €150.00 €150.00 The Park Residents Ass Whitepoint Residents Association Crescent Residents Association €150.00 O'Sullivan Place, Cobh. Residents Norwood Court Residents Assoc €250.00 €250.00 St. Colmans Square Residents Association Leeview Court RA €250.00 Willow Park Residents association €250.00 €250.00 €250.00 Coolamber Residents Group Hilltop Park RA €250.00 Patrick square residents association €250.00 carrigeoin residence association €250.00 College Drive Residents (Carrignafoy Entrance) College Green/Lawn Residents Associatiom €250.00 Lavallin Residents Association €250.00 €250.00 €250.00 €400.00 Moore's Place/Kirkwood Villas Residents' Association Residents Association of Cedar crescent Ban na Greine Residence Association €400.00 Philip O'Neill Place Residents Association €400.00 Assumption Place & Ringmeen Res. Assoc. Glen Corrin Residents Association €400.00 Carrigaloe Community €400.00 Carrigwell RA €400.00 €400.00 €400.00 St.Lappans Place and Ballyverry Residents Association Belvelly Residents Association €400.00 Woodside resident group €600.00 Ballynoe Residents Association Norwood Park Residents Association €600.00 Russell Heights Residents Association €600.00 Cluain Ard RA €600.00 Castleview Residents Association €600.00 €600.00 Priory Court Residents Association. €850.00 Rushbrooke Manor Residents ASS €1,000.00 Fota Rock RA Cul Ard Residents Association €1,000.00

### **MACROOM MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOCATION
Aherla Tidy towns	€1,200.00
Ballinora Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
Ballymakeera TidyTowns	€1,200.00
Ballyvourney TidyTowns	
Carrigadrohid Killinardrish Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
Coachford Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
Coiste Forbartha Cill na Martra	€1,200.00
Dripsey Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
Macroom Tidy Towns	€12,000.00
Millstreet Tidy Towns	€7,000.00

### WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

APPLICANT NAME	ALLOC
Union Hall Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
Bantry Tidy Towns	€9,500.00
Ballinacarriga Community Development Group	€500.00
Dunmanway Projects Group	€4,750.00
Castletownbere Tidy Towns	€9,500.00
Coimead Cléire Críochnúil	€500.00
Glengarriff Tidy Towns	€4,000.00
Dunmanway Community Council	€4,750.00
Rosscarbery Tidy Towns Association Ltd	€4,000.00
Ballinacarriga & Lisbealad Community Association	€500.00
Goleen and District Community Council	€1,000.00
Caheragh Memorial Park Limited	€1,000.00
Durrus Tidy Towns	€4,000.00
Schull Tidy Towns	€9,500.00
Coppeen Community Council	€1,000.00
Baltimore Tidy Towns Group	€4,000.00
Skibbereen Tidy Towns	€9,500.00
Ardgroom Tidy Village	€1,000.00
Ballineen & Enniskeane Tidy Towns	€4,000.00
Clonakilty Tidy Towns	€9,500.00