

## Leitrim County Council Road Safety Office

Leitrim County Council Road Safety Office works with the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to improve Road Safety and provide Road Safety Education and advice on an ongoing basis. The Road Safety Office of Leitrim County Council promotes Road Safety on an ongoing basis in conjunction with the RSA and An Garda Síochána and any other stakeholders involved in Road Safety such as Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Department of Transport etc.

### County Leitrim Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020

Leitrim County Council publishes a Road Safety Action Plan which outlines a total of 36 Measure/Actions in order to promote and improve road safety in County Leitrim. These measure include:

- **Road Safety Education** for all but particularly for road users classed as vulnerable road users – e.g. young people, older road users, pedestrians, motor cyclists, pedal cyclists, new road users, etc.
- **Promotion of Road Safety and engaging in Road Safety Campaigns particularly during periods of high risk on our roads** – e.g. Over the Christmas period, Bank Holiday Weekends, Extreme Weather Events etc.
- **Speed Monitoring at specific locations**
- **Low Cost Safety Measures** at specific locations identified as hazardous or with a high record of accidents
- **Establishment of a Road Safety Working Together Group consisting of the following representatives** – Representatives from Leitrim County Council, An Garda Síochána, RSA, Health Service Executive (HSE), Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim Education & Training Board (MSLETB), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and North Connacht Youth Services
- **Review of Collision Data in association with An Garda Síochána**
- **Regular and Ongoing Meetings with members of An Garda Síochána in regard to roads and road safety generally**
- **Speed Limit Reviews**
- **Progressing Major Road Improvements in the County** such as realignment of sections of the N16
- **Annual Road Works Programme**
- Provision of **Pedestrian Crossings** at specific locations
- **Improved public lighting and road markings at specific locations**
- **Installation and Upgrade of School “Flashing Lights”**
- **Ongoing review and evaluation of Objectives as set out in the County Leitrim Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020.**

## **Specifically Leitrim County Council is involved in the following initiatives in order to promote road safety:-**

**Annual Transition Year (TY) Information Day** – This event is held every April and all TY Students from the Secondary Schools in the County are invited to attend. This TY Information Day includes Workshops on Road Safety for the Students and the RSA Road Safety Shuttle and Simulator attend this event.

**Meetings of Road Safety Working Together Group** – This Group meets approx. 2 – 3 times per annum to review road safety generally and review the objectives as set out in the County Leitrim Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020

**Website and Social Media** – Ongoing Promotion of Road Safety Information and Advice on the Leitrim County Council Website and on Social Media particularly at high risk times on our roads such as the Christmas and New Year Festive Periods, Easter, Bank Holiday Weekends, Extreme Weather Events etc.

**Ongoing co-operation with the RSA in relation to the provision of Road Safety Education and Advice** – The Leitrim County Council Road Safety Office has worked closely with the RSA in relation to the provision of Road Safety Education and Advise to all road users but in particular to road users in the vulnerable road users categories – In this regard, the RSA Road Safety Education Officer has provided Workshops and Education Programmes to Secondary School Students, Active Age Groups, Students attending the National Learning Network, GAA Clubs, Athletic Clubs, etc.

**Cycle Right Programme** – Leitrim Sports Partnership provide this Programme with assistance from the Road Safety Office of Leitrim County Council. CYCLE RIGHT is the National Standard for Cycle Training and provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists. To date, approx. 9 Primary Schools and 1 Secondary School in the County have participated in this Programme benefitting approx. 350 children in total

**Educational Programmes for Secondary School Students** – Leitrim County Council engage with a private company who specialise in providing road safety education to provide the *“Drive for Life”* Programme in Secondary Schools around the County – This Programme is provided in approx. 3 – 4 Secondary Schools in the County each year. This is a unique one day Programme aimed at influencing a whole new approach to road safety and hazard awareness, focusing on the human consequences of driver error, speed etc. Parts of the Programme are interactive and students are encouraged to engage in the Programme as much as possible. The feedback from Students from this programme has been very good.

**RSA Car Seat Checking Service – “Check It Fits”** – This Service visits Carrick on Shannon twice yearly and provides a valuable service to parents on the correct and safe installation of child car seats. Leitrim County Council promote this service on an ongoing basis.

**Road Safety Week** – Leitrim County Council promote National Road Safety Week on an annual basis and work in conjunction with the RSA in promoting Road Safety Week.

**Speed Monitoring** – Leitrim County Council carry out Speed Monitoring at various specific locations where speeding appears to be an issue. The results of this Speed Monitoring are reviewed and fed back to the Roads Policing Unit of An Garda Síochána and measures taken where possible to reduce speed at identified problem locations. Low Cost Safety Works are often completed at sites where excessive speed/hazards are identified.

**Driver Feedback Signs** – Leitrim County Council has a large number of Driver Feedback Signs in place around the County generally at locations where speeding is an issue –approaches to villages and towns, close to schools etc. The data from these Driver Feedback Signs is monitored and fed back to Gardai in an effort to tackle excessive Speed at these locations. Again, Low Cost Safety Works are often completed at locations where excessive speed is a problem.

**Roads Policing Unit of An Garda Síochána** - Ongoing meetings and co-ordination with the Roads Policing Units of an Garda Síochána in order to identify road hazards, collisions and corrective action.

**Speed Limit Review** – The most recent Speed Limit Review in the County was completed in 2018.

**Re-Alignment Schemes and Other Road Projects to improve Road Safety** – Leitrim County Council works in close cooperation with the TII and the Department of Transport in relation to seeking funding for new road projects, upgrade of roads etc. These include major re-alignment Schemes on the N16, Improvements on Roundabouts in the County, Better Road Signage, Low Cost Safety Schemes, Road Safety Inspections, Pavement Schemes on National Roads, etc.

**Pedestrian Crossings and Improved Road Markings** – Leitrim County Council has provided a large number of Pedestrian Crossings, improved road markings and lighting and footpath extensions at specific locations around the county, particularly close to Schools, GAA Clubs, Health Centres, Amenity Areas, Housing Estates, etc.