Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

for the period 1st – 30th September 2020

Prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014
# September 2020 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY Sept. 2020 - FIGURES)

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<th>Service Division</th>
<th>Expenditure €</th>
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<td>D Development Management</td>
<td>5,756,054</td>
<td>5,756,899</td>
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<td>E Environmental Services</td>
<td>3,198,370</td>
<td>4,512,660</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>F Recreation &amp; Amenity</td>
<td>1,840,825</td>
<td>3,527,383</td>
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<td>G Agriculture, Education, Health &amp; Welfare</td>
<td>346,506</td>
<td>497,991</td>
<td>70%</td>
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**Total Expenditure:** €32,240,398

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<th>Adopted Full Year Budget €</th>
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<td>C Water Services</td>
<td>2,275,118</td>
<td>2,155,425</td>
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<td>879,916</td>
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<td>D Development Management</td>
<td>4,476,016</td>
<td>1,777,813</td>
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<td>314,912</td>
<td>1,059,438</td>
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<td>744,526</td>
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<td>38,864</td>
<td>164,816</td>
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<td>125,970</td>
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<td>G Agriculture, Education, Health &amp; Welfare</td>
<td>100,750</td>
<td>248,083</td>
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<td>H Miscellaneous Services</td>
<td>1,441,610</td>
<td>2,234,023</td>
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<td>792,413</td>
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<td>6,410,629</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>3,124,476</td>
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**Total Income:** €31,033,691

**Actual Overall Surplus/(Deficit):** €1,206,706

**Net:** €1,206,706

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**Expenditure V Budget Sept 2020**

**Income V Budget Sept 2020**
MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Sept. 2020

- Water Expenditure in line with Income
- Development Management Income and Expenditure is inclusive of circa €2.5m of Restart Grant monies processed as at Sept 2020
- Rates collection is down considerably vs 2019 as a direct impact of COVID-19. This figure is not including any potential waiver monies expected to be received from government
- Restart Grant Plus Scheme applications, with an extended closing date of 31st of Oct are still being processed for payment in Finance.
- Government has decided that commercial rates, for a 6 month period beginning on 27 March 2020, for all businesses that have been forced to close due to public health requirements, will be waived.

No. of Days in Overdraft during Sept 2020

Sept 2020 - Recourse to Overdraft

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<td>Housing Rents</td>
<td>€1,812,849</td>
<td>€1,719,294</td>
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<td>Commercial Rates</td>
<td>€3,286,158</td>
<td>€4,017,669</td>
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<td>Housing Loans</td>
<td>€136,899</td>
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2020 - Collection Rates

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| Rents collection is in line with 2019 in % terms
| Rates collection for 2020 is down both in monetary and % terms v.s 2019. This reflects the impact of COVID 19 on collection figures.
| Loans collection is up both in monetary and % terms v.s. 2019

September 2020 - Aged Debt Analysis

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<th>30 Days</th>
<th>60 Days</th>
<th>90 Days</th>
<th>180 Days</th>
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<td>RATES</td>
<td>€1,573</td>
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<td>€1,876,189</td>
<td>€2,297,084</td>
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<td>LOANS</td>
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<td>€8,393</td>
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<td>€7,129</td>
<td>€11,094</td>
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Water Services Department

Maximo: Asset Management

There were a total of 220 No. Work Orders for the month of September 2020. Breakdown as follows:

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<td>New Connections Water</td>
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<td>New Connections (Waste Water)</td>
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<td>First Fix Repairs</td>
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<td>Waste Water RM</td>
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<td>Contractor Related Work Orders</td>
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Unaccounted for Water
UFW is now 42.73% or 5620 m³/Day

Capital Works – Water Services

Manorhamilton & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project - €4.0 million
EPS are operating the Mohill and Manorhamilton plants for the 12 months service period up to September 2020 when the plant will be handed over to SLA for continued operation.

Irish Water Capital Programmes and Projects
Water Networks Portfolio Programme Frameworks (Farrans Construction Ltd) Pipeline Rehabilitations:
St George’s Terrace: New watermain commissioned and in service, minor snag work outstanding.
Trunk Main Upgrades: LCC Water Capital Office continue to push for rehabilitation works on the Keshcarrigan to Ardrum Reservoir AC trunk main and the Gortfada AC trunk main. A meeting has been arranged with Irish Water for Oct 14th to discuss all watermains in urgent need of rehabilitation works.
N4 to Jamestown AC Main: 4” Asbestos Cement mains rehabilitation project has been approved and site investigation works has commenced on site.
Lisnagot Temp Main: The temporary over-ground watermain at Lisnagot have received approval for permanent installation. Works expected to commence on site in late Oct/ early Nov. It is also proposed that a 110m section of public watermain at Vistamed, Castlecarra is removed from private property and re-laid in the public road.

Find & Fix Water Conservation
Farrans leak detection and repair works almost complete in Rooskey to Finnerlaghta, and Kilnagross to Toomans DMA’s. Leakage reduction targets have been achieved in all DMA’s. Farrans are also carrying out pressure logging assessments of the troublesome AC trunk mains in South Leitrim.

LCC Direct Labour Find and Fix crew
The LCC direct labour water conservation team have recently completed Mountcambell to Jamestown DMA and Corriga to Carrigallen DMA and are now due to mobilise in Gortfada to Drumkeilv, and Drumkeilv to Annaghmacullen DMA’s. Leakage reduction targets have been successfully met in all District Metering Areas.

Back Yard Services
- Rossinver back yard services project complete with minor snagging outstanding.
- Lahard, Ballinamore complete
- Rockwell Park, Drumshanbo is well progressed with completion date anticipated to be 9th Oct
- Mc Dermott Terrace, Manorhamilton is programmed to commence on site in late October

**Disinfection Programme - Veolia Contractors**

Design & Build upgrade works to the disinfection process are ongoing at Carrick on Shannon & Glenade WTP’s with commissioning works planned for Carrick WTP throughout October.

**Carrick WTP**

Under the Irish Water Telemetry Programme EMR have now upgraded the main PLC at Carrick WTP and improved a number of the associated controls. This will enhance the troubleshooting process providing a more streamlined system.

**4 No. WWTP Upgrades:** All Projects Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore are substantially complete with additional Civil works outstanding at Drumshanbo. Snagging works also remain outstanding.

**IWSS (Inlet Works, Storm & Sludge) Programme:** Ballinamore and Leitrim Village WWTP have been approved for upgrades to their inlet works and tendering has been progressed. Irish water to advise on timeline for these works.

**Tullaghan WwTP:** The contract has been awarded for upgrade works at Tullaghan WwTP to pump effluent to West End pump station near Bundoran. Works on site are expected to commence in late Oct/early Nov (1.8km of rising main has already been installed along the N15 to West End PS as part of a previous contract).

**Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme (STVGP):** Upgrade works to improve treatment capacity at Mohill, Carrigallen, Dromod and Leitrim Village WwTP’s has been applied for under the STVGP. Discussions are ongoing as to the extent of works to be undertaken at each site.

**Capital Investment Plan**

**Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant – Pumping Station - Atkins Consulting Engineers**

This project is included in Irish Waters Capital investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP’s in County Cavan. These works are to be delivered in the period of this CIP 2021 – 2025.

**Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant – Future planning**

Irish Water is developing a “National Water Resource Plan” which will consider provision for future demand. We continue to meet with Irish Water to highlight the future for Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant to ensure it is extended to meet the growing future demand in the South Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme.

**Environment Department**

**RMCEI Plan**

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period. With the Lock down period now over we will now be carrying out the remainder of Target inspections for the remainder of the year where feasible and taking all Public Health guidelines and advice and if any further restrictions are to be put in place in the event of a further lock down as trends are currently on the increase.

**National Inspection Program (DWWTS)**

We will now carry out the 25 No NIP DWWTS inspections for the remainder of the year for 2020 with ongoing NIP – DWWTS Engagement and these will now be completed from September 2020 to end of year. Where Advisory Notices were issued there will be ongoing verification inspections where works were due to be completed and re-inspections as requested to facilitate grant payments. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in emergency call out inspections only to be completed in the Lock down period.

The new 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plan is expected to be published in December 2021. All RBMP workshops are now cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Environment Department has submitted proposed Priority Areas of Action for Leitrim under the new proposed 2021-2027 RBMP. These were discussed at a workshop with the LAWPRO team in September 2020.

The Environment Department continue to work closely with EPA/LAWPRO staff on the various PAA desk top studies and the various queries raised by them and return associated reports to the Local Catchment Assessment Team.

EPA Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM)
The Environmental Protection Agency manages the national ambient air quality monitoring network. It is proposed to install an air quality monitor in Carrick-on-Shannon by end of year 2020. Works were ongoing in late 2019 and close collaboration with LCC/EPA staff in selecting an optimum location for this unit. The location of the EPA AAQM unit is now agreed with the EPA and ESB and will be located in Leitrim Country Council lands adjacent to footpath along the ring road and within 27m from Shannon Lodge roundabout. The civil works were completed by Carrick area Roads staff. The unit was delivered to Leitrim and it is now installed. We are now waiting for ESB Networks and our Electrician to make connect power supply to the EPA AAQM unit. M&E installation will then take place with installation of instrumentation by EPA staff. This EPA unit should be up and running by end of year.

Emergency Works – Dawn of Hope Landslide:
The Environment Department is monitoring Water quality in the Diffagher River and liaising with Inland Fisheries Ireland staff regards water pollution from the Bog landslide. Works will continue to monitor Water quality from the Diffagher River to Lough Allen which is a Priority Area of Action under the 2018-2021 River Basin Management Plan.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Slaughter Returns

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Premises Inspections

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Dog Warden Service Activities

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<td>Dogs Micro-Chipped and Registered</td>
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<td>Fines Issued - Dogs</td>
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<td>Stray Horses seized</td>
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The Leitrim Pony-Riding and Animal Welfare Programme finished on 24th September. The programme which ran for 8 weeks provided tuition in horse-riding, stable management and animal welfare skills. Presentations were made to all 27 participants who thoroughly enjoyed the programme. Many thanks to our generous sponsors; Tusla, Dept of Agriculture, Leitrim Sports Partnership and Leitrim Development Company.

CIVIL DEFENCE

- On 19 Sept First Aid assistance was provided to Roscommon Civil Defence at a sports event.
- On 25 Sept at the request of the Community Response Forum, a patient was transported to Sligo for a Hospital appointment.
- On 28 Sept First Aid assistance was provided to Roscommon Civil Defence at a sports event.
- Civil Defence Volunteers remained on standby during the month to provide assistance to the Principle Response Agencies and the Community Response Forum.

FIRE SERVICE

Capital Programme
Fire Stations
Manorhamilton FS
Rhatigan Architects have submitted the Stage 1 report. Report being evaluated and clarification being sought form Planning section.
Recoupement of capital funding
Still awaiting recoupement of capital funding for Ballinamore and Drumshanbo fire stations from Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Fire Service Training
Training course in HP operation held during September. The fire station drill programme is running since May 18th.

Building Control activity

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Major Emergency Management – Covid 19
Protocols and procedures have been prepared and issued to all HQ staff and crews in stations in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. Additional PPE was procured.

Section 26 Plan was circulated to all Councillors in advance of the September meeting. A presentation was prepared for the meeting. The plan was adopted at the Council meeting in September.

Gartan Online Payment system - Training is ongoing with the junior officers.

Licensing applications were received both online as part of the new eLicensing system and in hard copy format in advance of the licensing courts. A number of licensing inspections were carried out.

Erasmus BFiresafe@School project
Held an online meeting of all partners to discuss progress on the translation of the content for Intellectual Output 1, Intellectual Output 2, the Learning Management System and the Evacuation video. Preparing the application for a possible six month extension to the project due to Covid 19.

Severe Weather Plan - Commenced work at updating our Severe Weather Plan for Leitrim County Council.
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training
There continues to be strong interest in training, during September a Trading Online Voucher workshop was delivered. The autumn schedule of training continues to be available online, free of charge with a strong interest and bookings to date.

Mentoring
One to one mentoring continues to be strong particularly in relation to finance and marketing. Website reviews and Social Media reviews are currently on offer also.

Microfinance Ireland
MFI Ireland have reopened for applications and the LEO Office facilitates applications to the scheme from Leitrim based businesses, who can apply for loans up to €25,000 for a three-year term with no repayments and no interest due for the first six months of the loan.

Trading Online Voucher
The scheme is growing in demand in Leitrim and up to 30th September saw in excess of 100 applications. Businesses must attend a workshop prior to application, a final workshop has been scheduled for September.

Brexit
With Brexit back in focus, the LEO is delivering Customs training programmes and offering one to one mentoring to businesses as well as making contact with all businesses on the portfolio to outline the supports available.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC
A meeting of the LCDC took place on September 8th, four EOI’s were received and one project was approved for funding totaling €140,000.

Carrick on Shannon Town Team
Ongoing liaising with town team members on finalizing applications for DRCD schemes.

Carrick on Shannon Chamber
There was a meeting with Carrick on Shannon Chamber heads on Tuesday Sept 29th to outline the proposed marketing and promotion campaigns planned for the town over the next 12 months and to establish a steering group of chamber members to oversee the campaigns.

Marketing and Promotion Campaign – Carrick on Shannon
Twelve campaigns planned to roll out over the coming twelve months with the underlying focus of shop local. #belocal campaign to commence on Oct 7th.

Economic Development Plan for Carrick on Shannon – Community consultation.
An online survey was shared FB in Sept so that residents and community reps could give their feedback on what they would like to see in Carrick on Shannon. Survey closed on Sept 30th with over 80 respondents.

REDZ Town Team Manorhamilton
A meeting with Manorhamilton Town Team took place on wed Sept 30th to get an update on the REDZ subgroups activity and also for DHB to give an overview of the planned public realm. A meeting with the Manorhamilton MD members also took place the same day to outline the public realm and get their feedback.
Manorhamilton Chamber
Some members of Manorhamilton chamber attended the meeting with the Town Team on Sept 30th.

Clar/ORIS/ Town and Village Projects 2017 -2019
Ongoing Follow up with Town and Village projects from 2017, 2018 and 2019 to check progress and offer support in submitting claims. Processing of claims for payment.

2020 Funding Schemes & Potential Applications
Meetings and discussions around potential projects for 2020 funding schemes, ORIS, Town and Village & Clar, Coillte, Town Teams, and ongoing follow up on projects that didn’t progress in 2019.

Round 2 Accelerated Town and Village.
We received notification from the Dept on Sept 11th that 5 of the 6 projects submitted under round 2 of the Town and Village accelerated measure 2 were successful, including the upgrading of BCP locations with workstations etc, Keshcarrigan, Mohill, Drumsna and Rossinver.

Town and Village Standard Scheme- July Stimulus – Additional funding.
Ten projects were submitted to the dept on Sept 30th under the town and village main scheme. Carrick on Shannon, Kinlough, Jamestown, Drumshanbo, Carrigallen, Mohill, Dowra, Rooskey, Ballinamore and Bornacoola.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme
7 Applications were submitted to Measure 1 of the ORIS scheme on Sept 30th, Carrick on Shannon, Corry Strand, Lough Rynn, Glenfarne Wood, Glenfarne Demonstration Stretch, Keeldra Amenity and Glencar.

National Broadband Plan - Ongoing discussions and planning around Broadband connection points and launch day.

Town Centre Health Checks
Final draft of Report received from Queens, Zoom meeting planned with Town Team members for mid-October.

TOURISM

Destination Marketing.
- New tourism website www.enjoyleitrim.com launched live on Facebook by Cathaoirleach Clr Mary Bohan.
- Work is almost complete on the Canal Promotions project and the Sliabh an larainn Visitor Centre Project.
- Continued to provide assistance on the Rainbow Experience at the Ballroom of Romance in Glenfarne.
- Work was completed on the ORIS Walking project with a walking brochure for Leitrim.
- We facilitated a number of journalists and bloggers in September which resulted in the county being featured in a number of national editorials including Fiona Donnellan for Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands who wrote a great piece on staycationing in Leitrim, Eleanor Hutch who did a feature on slow Adventure in Leitrim for TV3’s Elaine Show and Lauren Arthurs for Discover Ireland who stayed at Ard Nahoo Eco Retreat and visited a number of other places in Leitrim. We also hosted The Novel Traveller, Michelle Jackson author, journalist and broadcaster in Leitrim where she visited the new Shed Distillery which featured in her weekly broadcast on TV3.
- We assisted the producers of Brite Spark Films who were in Leitrim filming a new series for the UK’s Channel 5. They previously made ‘World’s Most Scenic Railway Journeys’ for the channel and are now making ‘World’s Most Scenic River Journeys’. In Ireland they have chosen to film the Shannon and were in Leitrim number of weeks to film for the series.

Slow Adventure
Ongoing work on the Slow Adventure Website under the Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands web improvement plan.
Continued to work with the European Travel Commission on the ongoing joint campaign on Slow Adventure.

Support
We continue to send out a weekly newsletter to all of the trade/tourism providers in the county where they are being kept up to date on tourism matters both countywide and nationally. We are also providing weekly updates on
COVID 19 supports available in the tourism industry. We are encouraging all of the trade in Leitrim to sign up for Fáilte Ireland’s COVID 19 Safety Charter and also the Government’s Stay and Spend Scheme which should help with their businesses in the coming months.

Digital Marketing
Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website and the Slow Adventure Ireland website. Continued presence on all Social media platforms maintained.

Tourist Information
The Tourist Information Office in Carrick on Shannon is open and continues to be busy with many visitors to the town calling in for up-to-date tourist information. We continue to support the Tourist Office in Ballinamore and Tourist information points at Glencar Waterfall and Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Taking in Charge
In July, the Planning Authority advertised the intention of the Local Authority to declare the roads within a further 13 no. housing developments as public roads and to then take the housing developments into the charge / maintenance of the Local Authority. It is expected that the taking in charge of these estates will be brought to the respective Municipal District meetings in October or Council meeting in November.

Pre-Planning
4 no. pre planning enquiries were received in September alongwith enquiries received and replied to through e-mail.

Development Management
24 no. valid planning applications were received in September. 3 no. applications are seeking planning permission to construct individual dwelling houses served by wastewater treatment systems with a further application seeking to replace existing houses served by an individual wastewater treatment system. In addition, a further 3 no. applications submitted were deemed invalid and returned to applicants, 2 of which were re-submitted and are valid.

16 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during September, 15 of which were granted planning permission. In addition, a request for Further Information issued with respect to 11 no. applications whilst a response to Further Information was received with respect to a further 14 no. applications during the month.

Forward Planning
45 no. submissions were received by the Planning Authority during the pre-draft public consultation phase of the County Development Plan preparation. The next stage involves summarizing the various issues in the submissions, giving the opinion of the Chief Executive to the issues raised and state the Chief Executive’s recommendations on the policies to be included in the draft County Development Plan. This was been prepared during the month of September and will be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration by 7th October. Work is also progressing on the preparation of the draft Core Strategy and other sections of the draft Development Plan.

Heritage
The Heritage Council funded projects are nearing completion. Field work is complete on the Geological Heritage Audit of Co. Leitrim and the final project report and GIS dataset are due for submission in October. Under the Public Awareness Programme, the Connecting Through Heritage brand has been used for promotional activities and three new heritage themed videos were produced under the brand with themes including ‘Leitrim’s Wetlands’, ‘The English We Speak in Leitrim’ and ‘Sweat Houses in Leitrim’. The two biodiversity projects which are funded under the National Biodiversity Action Plan are also nearing completion. Field work is complete for both the Leitrim Swift Survey and the Bat Survey of all publicly accessed Council owned properties. Final project reports / GIS datasets are due in October.

The Leitrim Mumming Project has been extended with additional funding from Creative Ireland and will run into October. The project focuses on well-being and celebrating the Leitrim Mumming traditions with Mumming performances being carried out outside the homes of elderly members of the community who have been self-isolating.
• **Shass Mountain Landslide**
  Works on the Dawn of Hope bridge is completed, and the local roads will be resurfaced in the next few weeks.

• **Active Travel Measures Allocation**
  Works on these schemes are commenced with a view to having them fully completed by Q1 2021.

• **Carrick on Shannon By-Pass**
  A Consultant Team, Ove Arup & Partners Ireland (Arup), has been appointed by Leitrim County Council for Phases 1 – 4 of the Design of this Carrick on Shannon to Dromod Road Scheme. **Phase 1 (Project Inception and Feasibility)** is now complete and work is ongoing on **Phase 2 - (Option Selection)** of the Planning and Design process in accordance with the 2019 Project management Guidelines. The Public Consultation for the Constraints report will commence early next month, and it will be on line because of Covid 19 restrictions.

• **Pavement Overlays**
  **N4 Pavement Overlay - Jamestown to Masonite Junction**
  This 6km was fully completed in early September.

  **N16 Pavement Overlay – Tomrud to Tawneymoyle**
  Contractor commenced work early September, over 50% of resurfacing works was completed by end of September. The contractor is expected to have the POS completed in early November.

• **Re-alignment of N16**
  **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on the detailed Design and Tender documentation for the Main Construction Contract for this Realignment Scheme are in progress. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions & resource issues tender process has been delayed. It is expected that tenders for the main contract will be advertised early October, with a view to securing TII approval for the appointment of the Contractor by year end.

  **Realignment of the N16 at Munakill** – The Consultants have 52% of Phase 2 – (Option Selection) completed, which is summarised as follows:
  - Stage 1 options developed and assessed.
  - Complete draft economic assessment.
  - Traffic Survey completed in September.
  - Works on Project Appraisal Continues.
  - It is expected that Public Consultation No. 2 will commence in October.

• **Bridges on Non-National Roads**
  **North Leitrim**
  **Beagh Bridge (2019 Road Works Programme)** – Works on Beagh Bridge are now fully complete.
  **Meenagraun Bridge** - 100% complete - Rock armour installed, and approach walls repaired.
  **Aghnahaha Bridge** – 100% complete – stone arch built.
  **Leckenarainey Bridge** – Contract awarded; derogation licence granted. Contractor & iFl to be on site shortly to remove crayfish before works commence.
  **Gortnacorkoge Bridge** - 100% complete – Concrete culvert installed by Area Office.
  **Aghaderrad East Bridge** – Contract awarded, contractor on site with approx. 20% of the contract complete.

  **South Leitrim**
  The following Bridges in South Leitrim have been approved for Funding in 2020 –
  **Battle Bridge** - 20% complete. Difficulty with this project due to high water levels of the Shannon and strong flows in-stream. Because of this we are putting a temporary road closure in place to allow all out–stream works to be completed over a 4 week period and in-stream works will be completed in the early season next year when water is in a safer state to complete the in-stream element.
  **Drumloghan School** – 100% complete. Has had vegetation removed, abutment repaired, re-grouted . Parapets have been repaired and concrete rubbing strips installed.
Drumdarkeen Bridge - 30% On de-watering Drumdarkeen bridge, the extent of the deficiencies was fully exposed. The entire barrel was in such condition, the only viable option was to replace it with a box culvert. These emergency works are currently ongoing with culvert ordered and derogation licence submitted to IFI. 

Drumboher-100% with the exception of resurfacing. Required emergency repair after the arch partially collapsed. This resulted from a structural crack to the inside of the arch carrying across the bridge. Repair works included installing a concrete saddle across the entire bridge, rebuild arch and parapets and re-surfacing of road. (re-surfacing is to take place at same time as Drumdarkeen).

Anaghveagh Bridge Toomans – Works are now 80% complete with leaning walls repaired and rubbing strips being installed. The entire bridge has had vegetation removed, it has had all joints re-pointed and the barrel grouted. We envisage works to be complete in 2 weeks.

A Contractor has been appointed and works have now commenced.

Millpark Bridge – 100% complete. Concrete skirting installed, bridge has had stonework re-pointed and parapet walls plastered. Concrete rubbing strips have also been installed.

Killbracken Bridge-100%. Additional works were required here due to the discovery of bulging walls when the structure was de-veged. The works to both of these bridges are now complete.

- CLAR Programme 2019

The following Schemes have been approved for funding under the CLAR Programme 2019:
- Fatima NS Cloone - Pedestrian crossing and upgrade of road markings – Works are now complete.
- Carrigallen Vocational School – Construction of a pedestrian crossing at Carrigallen Vocational School – Signage remaining. Works are 95% complete
- Shannonside Community Childcare Centre – Pedestrian crossing, Road Markings and Signage – Works have commenced and are 100% complete.
- Kiltyclogher Sensory Garden – North Leitrim District Engineers Office are working with the Community Department and Kiltyclogher Community Group to successfully deliver this project. A contractor has been engaged to undertake all civil engineering preparatory work for this project and works are now complete.

- Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

The 2020 Funding Allocation for LIS’s is €250,000. A total of 9 No. Local Improvement Scheme Projects will be completed in 2020 with this Funding Allocation.

- Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

Grant Allocation for 2020 for Community Involvement Schemes is €641,500. A total of 11 No. CIS Schemes will be completed in 2020 - 3 No. CIS Schemes in Manorhamilton MD, 5 No. CIS Schemes in Ballinamore MD and 3 No. CIS Schemes in Carrick on Shannon MD. This Scheme remains open to new applicants - applicants may apply by completing and submitting the CIS Application Form which is available from Leitrim County Council Website.

- Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2020/2021

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme is now open for new applicants until 29th January 2021.

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- Services in Charge Queries

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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Capital Works - Measure 3 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021
- Cloonsarn GWS - Network upgrade works commenced August 2020 and will be completed in the coming weeks.
- Carrigallen GWS - Works to install 17 kiosks, flow loggers and 1 bulk meter are now complete.
- Mullawn Drumaweel GWS - A Contractor is currently in the process of being appointed to complete minor upgrade works on this GWS and it is hoped that works will commence in the coming weeks.

Transition of Group Water Schemes to Irish Water - Measure 5 - Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021
A total of 10 No. GWS’s and 1 No. GSS have been submitted to Irish Water for Taking-In-Charge. Following a meeting between this office and Irish Water, Irish Water have provisionally confirmed they will be taking in charge the following 8 schemes:

- Dromore GWS
- Lough Erril GWS
- Gortnalamp GWS
- Killamaun GWS
- Cleen GWS
- Tully GWS
- Aughavas GWS
- Ballinaglera GSS

The Taking in Charge of these will be completed by 31st December 2020, pending approval of all Taking in Charge Application Documents by Irish Water.

The following Group Water Schemes are in the process of appointing Consultant Engineers in order to survey the schemes, complete As Built drawings and identify any upgrade works required in order for the GWS to be considered for Taking In Charge by Irish Water.

- Aughawillan GWS – Quotations received
- Gorvagh Drumlowan GWS – Awaiting Quotations
- Glencar GWS – Awaiting Quotations

Subsidy Payments to GWS’s
6 No. Subsidy Payments were made to GWS’s in September 2020 in respect of the Operational Costs of running the respective GWS. To date a total of 28 GWS’s have received Subsidy Payments in 2020.

Individual Water Supply Grants (Well Grants)
2 No. Well Grants were paid in September 2020. To date in 2020, a total of 5 No. Well Grants have been paid

Hartley Cartown GSS – Leitrim County Council have informed this Group of the maximum levels of Funding available and have requested that the Group revert to this office with a decision on the future of this GSS taking into account the Funding Gap between the Estimated Cost of the Scheme and the Grant Funding available – Leitrim County Council are awaiting a response from the Group on this matter.

CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE

Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme
Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed design consultant for this project. Design works have commenced. Data collection is complete. Surveys including ground investigation and CCTV surveys are being organised. Topographical surveys underway. Environmental walk over surveys complete.

The 1st Public Consultation took place. In excess of 3000 residential and commercial properties having revived information about the scheme by way of; cover letter, information brochure, questionnaire, ads and posters. To date we have received over 60 submissions from the public.

Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme
Four tenders received for the contract for a design consultant. Tenders currently being considered.

Mohill Flood Relief Scheme
OPW have decided to update the flood maps for Mohill which will then allow us to decide on location of defenses.
Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme
Four construction contracts will be undertaken
- Reconstruction of Footpaths and Roads Main Street/St George’s Terrace/Approach roads
- Construction of Car Park at Flynn’s Field
- Construction of Boardwalk along river edge
- Lighting of N4 Bridge and Boardwalk at Linear Park
Works are ongoing on the construction contracts for Flynn’s Field Car Park, Boardwalk and Street Works.

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme
Dhb Architects have been appointed as design team for this project. Design work has commenced. Topographical surveys complete. Site Investigation Contract to commence next week. DHB gave briefing to Municipal District on 30th Sept. Expect to advertise construction tender beginning Nov.

The Junction Project Ballinamore
Cooney Architects have been appointed as design team for this project. Site investigation works for the buildings and Ground investigation works complete. Short listing of suitable contractors currently underway.

SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen
Leitrim County Council received confirmation of funding from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport to bring this project through the Planning Process, Detailed Design and get the project ready for construction. Awaiting terms and conditions of the grant funding. Tender for Design Consultant team will be advertised in October.

SLNCR – Manorhamilton to Boggan
Construction contract is now substantially complete. Road markings and snags remain outstanding.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Ballinamore to Corgar
Works are ongoing. Construction on section completed by LCC area staff. Contractor to complete remainder.

Leitrim Way - The bridge has been placed. Works ongoing to complete the approach ramps/steps.

Carrick on Shannon Destination Towns
Funding of €500,000 has been received from Fáilte Ireland for this project. Total budget is €760,000. Design team has been appointed for this project. We are currently working on options. Once agreed we will proceed to Part 8 Planning approval.

Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway
Leitrim County Council has received funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund to bring this project through the planning process and up to detailed design to get it ready for construction. Tender for Design Consultant team for the Scheme was advertised. Tenders due in end of October.

Hartley Bridge
Works are ongoing to develop planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Archaeology Investigations and Ground Investigation contracts are complete. Further Archaeology Investigations underway. We expect to take the Project to An Bord Pleanála with a submission to their office Early October 2020.

OPW Minor Flood Schemes
This office is in discussion with OPW regarding 2 more (possibly 3) Minor Flood Schemes in the Dromahaire area, and possible options to relieve flooding in the area. Application has been made & approved by OPW for a minor flood schemes on the Glenaniff River at Rossinver involving clearing vegetation for the river.

Lough Bran
Funding has been approved from Inland Fisheries to provide extra fishing stands at Lough Bran and upgrade access road. Environmental assessment reports to be completed.
HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

HOUSING

Housing Allocations

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<th>Offers issued to 30 September 2020</th>
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New Tenancies created from 1st September to 30th September 2020

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<th>Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 30 September 2020</th>
<th>New Tenants (1st time allocation)</th>
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Private Rented Inspection Programme

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<th>No of inspections completed to 30th September 2020</th>
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<td>Target - 331</td>
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### HOUSING GRANTS

**NOTE:** HGD = Housing Adaptation Grant; MAG = Mobility Aids Grant; HOP = Housing Aid for Older People

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<th>2020 Allocation - €549,373.00</th>
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Available Balance: **€-187,513.55**

### HOUSING CAPITAL

- **LA Construction Final Accounts**
  Further information requested for House at Tamlaght, Mohill and awaiting approval from DHPLG for Total value of 219k for above project and Taobh Tire Stage 2 (7 Houses) & Extension.

- **LA Construction Projects**
  **Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon**
  Earthworks 100% complete, Retaining walls 70%, Drainage 60% complete. Majority of houses at first floor wall plate/floor joists. Current programme delivery date is March 2021.

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1. Includes applications approved in 2019, not yet paid
2. Includes applications received in 2019, not yet approved
LA Projects at Planning/Design Stage
Further minor revisions made to Part 8 Planning Documentation for Manorhamilton (5 Units), Ballinamore (10 Units) & Carrick on Shannon Projects (12 Units). Meeting with Lahard Residents, Ballinamore held on 15/09/2020. Discussions with neighbouring landowner held re. Townparks project.

Single Stage Approval project
Single Stage Application for 2 No. 2 bedroom Units at St. Patricks Park sent to DHPLG on 14/09/2020 and awaiting approval. Preparation of Part 8 Planning Documentation ongoing.

Dromahair Open Library & Age Friendly Housing
All surveys of site in Dromahair village completed during September. Preferred library option developed, and suite of Part 8 documentation prepared for public consultation.

LA Turnkey Projects
Status of Approved Turnkey Projects

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<th>Units</th>
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<td>Newtowngore</td>
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<td>Mohill</td>
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<td>Drumshanbo</td>
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<td>On Hold-Legal Issues</td>
<td>July 2021</td>
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<td>Drumkeeran</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>To commence Sep</td>
<td>November 2020</td>
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Acquisitions
4 No Units progressed to sale agreed/sale closed during September 2020 at 14 Mount Temple, COS & 49 &73 Oaklands,Carrick on Shannon and 8 Cluain Allain, Carrigallen bringing the total to 13 during 2020 (11 funded under SHIP, 2 funded under TAP).

Vacant Homes
Vacant homes surveys surveys conducted in Tullaghan during August. The cumulative totals to date for Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton, Ballinamore, Mohill, Drumshanbo, Kinlough, Tullaghan & Dromahair is as follows:

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<td>Letters issued to Owners</td>
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Architect Framework
Tender for Appointment of Architect Led Design Team to deliver Open Library and Age Friendly Housing in Dromahair was awarded to Sweeney Architects, Longford.

Maintenance & Refurbishment Contractor Tender
McNabola Brothers Ltd appointed to undertake Refurbishment Works on 53 St, Patricks Park Carrick on Shannon and No. 12 Drum Cala, Dromod.

COMMUNITY

Peace IV
Manorhamilton Shared Space
The community space at Sextons House is due for completion at the end of October 2020. Terms of Reference have been completed and issued for programming activities in Qtr 4 2020 and Qtr 1 2021.

Mohill Shared Space (Library)
The peace room and main library are complete with final snagging taken place. Signage to the exterior and furniture for the main library will be installed in October. Programming to commence in Qtr 4 2020 and Qtr 1 2021. Finally
reports for claims for Children and Young & Building Positive Relations programmes have been submitted & claims are ongoing for the Shared Space Programme.

**Funding Schemes**
- **Covid 19 Emergency Payments**
The total allocation to Leitrim was €56,393.00. 62 applications were received in total with a drawdown of approx 60% (€32,962) of funds to date. All claims must be made by 31st October 2020.
- **CEP (Community Enhancement Programme – Round 1)**
The total allocation for Leitrim was €53,040 and a total of 92 applications were received with 74 deemed eligible. To date, €15,591 has been drawn down of the funding. Final claims must be made by 14/11/20.
- **CEP (Community Enhancement Programme – Round 2)**
The total allocation for Leitrim was €94,491. This funding scheme is currently open for small grants of €3,000 to €6,000. The closing date for applications is 9th October. 10 applications are received to date. The Assessment Committee will meet on 14th October.

**Healthy Ireland (€240K)**
Programming for the 5 priority themes, Community Mental Health fund and Community Engagement will have fully resumed by October. Training was provided to all partners and small grants recipients online in relation to programming and claiming of grants.LCC worked closely with partners to redesign programming to be Covid-friendly.

**Age Friendly**
The first draft of a new County Transportation plan has been drawn up and is now been reviewed by HSE, Dept of Transportation and will also involve Leitrim County Council. Rural Transport have met with Leitrim County Council Engineers to identify suitable locations for bus shelters. Noel McPartland has been chosen as the Age Friendly County Champion/Ambassador for Leitrim.

**COVID 19 Community Well Being Helpline**
The Community Wellbeing Helpline will continue in Leitrim as a 7 day per week service, Monday through Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm. Calls are stilling coming in on a daily basis but at a low level.

**PPN**
A number of Leitrim PPN vacancies remain at this time. These are:
- Rep on the Housing, Community and Cultural Special Policy Committee.
- Social Inclusion Rep on the LCDC & Peace IV Partnership
- Representative on the SPC for Economic Development Enterprise and Planning
- Carrick on Shannon MD Rep on the LEADER Evaluation Committee.

Members of the Leitrim PPN Secretariat are aware of these vacancies

**ARTS**

**New and ongoing Community Engagement Initiatives and projects completed in September**
- For Culture Night this year onsite events were held in The Dock, St. Georges Heritage Centre, Rainbow Ballroom of Romance, The Glens Centre and Leitrim Sculpture Centre while Leitrim Intercultural Group, The Dock and Rabbits Riot Theatre Company streamed online events on the evening.
- Modern Day Mummers sees dancer Edwina Guckian, singer Fionnuala Maxwell and musician Brian Mostyn visiting elderly cocooners, re-enacting a mumming tradition providing a unique and opportunity to break the social isolation experienced by some older people in Leitrim.
- Magnetise, A Call for Home, is an ongoing intergenerational performance project between six internationally based professional dance artists and two local community groups
- The Dock ‘2Km, 3 Locations’ is an ongoing project led by artists David Smith, Anna Leask, Wayne O Connor and Laura Mahon for young people aged 14-19.
- MuseHyper, a group of 12 young autistic adults continue to work with Artist Denise Corbett on a similar project using digital photography to explore their immediate environment.
- Web-Spinning is an ongoing creative writing project for disabled people living in Leitrim working with Artist Isolde O’Riordáin Carmody creating stories reflecting our experiences in the current situation.
- The Leitrim Design House CO-CREATE 2020 Collaboration Programme in ongoing with participants now in the first phase of their creative collaborations.
- The Organic Centre Rossinver continue to work with artist Sarah Lundy to develop a creative environmental programme Project focusing on biodiversity, organic growing, and climate change.
- Kate Murtagh Sheridan & Museum of County Life continue to develop a project based on Traveller Culture and Identity with young people at Shannonside childcare centre.
- Leitrim Intercultural Forum Music Project brings together people of different cultures to source, learn, write, and arrange several songs from different countries including Ireland.
- Inspired by the work of Banksy, North Connacht Youth Services are working with artist Phoebe Dick to develop a street art project with young people all over County Leitrim.
- Leitrim Cycling Festival are in the first stages of developing a creative cycling mapping project in Kiltyclogher with artists Laura McMorrow and Natalia Beylis.
- Working with Exit Does Theatre and supported by the Glens Centre, North Leitrim Men’s Shed are in the process of translating a stage theatre piece into a radio play for broadcast on Ocean FM.

Professional Development Initiative

- **Creative Sector Jobs Stimulus Programme**
  - As part of Leitrim County Council’s Creative Ireland programme and arising from specific funding provided through the Government Jobs Stimulus Package, Leitrim County Council developed and issued three new programmes to support the sector and those working in it.
    - **Creative Sector Internship Programme** offers Leitrim based Arts & Culture Organisations to opportunity to employ an intern for 2 days per week for 20 weeks.
    - **Leitrim Creative Sector Co-Support Programme** provides grants to Leitrim based professional practitioners in the culture and creativity sector to avail of any service provided by another Leitrim practitioner that will demonstrably contribute to the applicant’s practice, enhance their work, or assist in the promotion of their work.
    - **Leitrim Creative Sector Tech Voucher Programme** provides grants to Leitrim based professional practitioners from the culture and creativity sector to avail of any service provided by any of Leitrim’s Enterprise Centre

- **Artists Training & Events**
  - Hosted the online information seminar on **Music Capital Scheme** in partnership with Music Network. 14 musicians attended.
  - Hosted online training **Wellness and Resilience for Artists** with Margaret Dorgan. 15 attended.
  - Hosted online training **Child Protection Training** with the National Youth Council of Ireland.

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**LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**
Safeguarding 1 course online via zoom Total participants: 10 (7 female, 3 male)
We completed a Safeguarding 1 course with Coaches from Mohill Basketball club and a variety of other sports took part in the online child protection course via zoom. We had 10 people complete the course.

Bike Week Round Up:
Many groups throughout Leitrim facilitated events to support Bike week which took place from 19th- 27th September
- Annaduff ICA completed a cycle along the Blueway. (15 females)
- Lough Key Tri Club members and friends completed a 225km cycle around Leitrim (10 male participants)
- Eslin GAA club completed a walk (70 participants)
- Eslin GAA club cycle (25 female, 15 male)
- Leitrim Cycling Festival hosted a cycling confidence workshop. (13 participants)
- Ballinamore Men’s Shed completed a Senior Cycle along the canal in Ballinamore. (15 males)
- St Clares NS Manorhamilton took part in a school cycle with the senior students in the school. (46 students)
- Bee Park Sports Hub hosted open Spinning Sessions in Manorhamilton. (16 participants)
- Diffreen NS had a talk from the community Gardai and took part in a recreational cycle. (26 Students)
- Foroige Gamechangers took part in a group cycle on the Blueway. (11 participants)
- Gaelscoil Liatroma took part in a Bike Maintenance workshop and school cycle (17 students)
- Lough Key Tri club hosted an open cycle with the option of a 20K and 40K cycle. (16 participants)
- Drumshanbo NS school students cycled the Blueway. (24 students)

Balance Bike Taster Session to celebrate Bike Week Total: 5 (3 boys, 3 girls)
To celebrate National Bike week, we completed a balance bike taster session in Gaelsoil Listroma, Carrick on Shannon with 5 preschool aged children participating on this programme. This involved fun activities to help children develop gross motor skills, spatial awareness, bilateral co-ordination and enhance their physical literacy.

Bike Week Launch & Share your Róthar Roads programme
On Monday 21st September we launched Bike week and also the Share your Róthar Roads campaign. Leitrim Cycling Festival are asking everyone to share their bicycle routes in Leitrim – be they short, long, hilly, flat, for pleasure or to get to the shops we want to see them all! Once the routes have been uploaded, they can be promoted and shared. With so many more people discovering or rediscovering the joys of cycling, we know there is a huge demand out there for route recommendations and this mapping of routes will be an incredibly useful and inspiring resource. To share your Róthar Roads and to find new routes go to www.leitrimcyclingfestival/rotharroads.
Kinlough Community Recreational Cycle Total: 5 (1 male, 5 female)
To celebrate bike week, we facilitated a recreational cycle in Kinlough. 5 people took part and really enjoyed a route that took in views of Leitrim’s coastline in Tullaghan, Benbulbin and Eagles Rock.

Beginners Learn to cycle session Total: 5 (3 male, 2 female)
On Thursday 24th September, 5 participants took part in beginners learn to cycle session in Leitrim Village.

Lough Key Triathlon Club Cycle Total: 16
Lough Key Triathlon Club organised and delivered a 20km and 30km club cycle with 16 adults taking part, 10 participants were non-members out of the 16 people that completed the cycle.

BeActive Day in Lough Rynn Total participants: 91
On Saturday 26th September, we delivered a Be Active day celebration of Sport at the Lough Rynn Amenity Area. Carrick on Shannon Rowing Club members took part in a training session in the early morning. Women on the Water participants took part in a conclusion paddle later in the morning. Bornacoola Youth Group members took part in a
lovely cycle around Lough Rynn. Children with additional needs took part in a movement to music session and also took part in an angling session on a boat on Lough Rynn.

**Disability Inclusion Outdoor Dance & Social Walking Programme** Total 8: (3 male, 5 female)
Social walking programme with the Rehab group in Ballinamore.

![Image of people cycling around Lough Rynn.](image)

**Be Active Day Boat trip, fishing and dancing for people with additional needs** Total over the 4 groups 24
On Saturday the 26th of September, we had a fun day at Be Active Day in Lough Rynn. We had four groups and a total 24 people taking part including people with additional needs and their parents/siblings taking part in the sessions over the day.
Total 9: (7 male, 2 female) Children/teens with additional needs
Total 15: (4 male, 11 female) Siblings/parents

**Kayaking Taster Day for children with Down Syndrome**
We completed a Kayaking taster day with The Leitrim West Cavan Branch of Down Syndrome where the children/young adults with Down Syndrome, their parents and siblings got the opportunity to have lots of fun taking part in kayaking lessons in Garadice Lake. We had two groups and a total of 12 children with down syndrome and in addition their parents/siblings taking part in the sessions over the day.
Total 12: (7 male, 5 female) Children/teens with additional needs
Total 12: (7 male, 5 female) Adults

**Rehab Ballinamore Tennis Programme** Total 6: (3 male, 3 female)
We stated an inclusive tennis programme in Ballinamore Rehab group.

**Rehab Carrick Tennis Programme** Total 8: (3 male, 5 female)
We stated an inclusive tennis programme in Carrick Rehab group.

**Adapted Chair Exercises with the Irish Wheelchair Association on Zoom** Total 9: (9 female)
We hosted an online chair exercises programme for the Irish Wheelchair Association.

**Disability Inclusion Dance Fit Programme** Total 4: (4 female)
Movement to music programme with people with additional needs.

**Disability Inclusion Chair Exercise Programme** Total 3: (3 female)
Movement to music programme with people with additional needs.

**National Walking Day** Total 12: (9 female, 3 male)
We held an inclusive walk on National Walking Day.

**Strength & flexibility programme in Drumkeeran** Total 7: (1 male, 6 female)
Completed a Strength & flexibility programme using simple chair exercises in Drumkeeran with the Active Age group.
Disability Inclusion Cycling at Breffni Day 1 Total 4: (1 male, 3 female)
We completed a disability cycle with Ballinamore Rehab & National Learning Network at Breffni family resource centre, Carrick on Shannon.

Disability Inclusion Cycling at Breffni Day 2 Total 6: (4 male, 2 female)
We completed a second day disability cycle with Ballinamore Rehab & National Learning Network at Breffni family resource centre, Carrick on Shannon.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- September saw the highest use of both the ‘Browse and Borrow’ and ‘Contact and Collect’ services since libraries reopened in July. There is also continued demand by library members in terms of access to PC use, printing and photocopying services.
- The use of library online services continues to rise, both e-books and e-audio books continued to prove a popular choice with an increase in the number of active users and items borrowed.
- €100,000 in funding was secured under the DRCD Small Capital Works Grant for Public Libraries. The funding will be spent on a number of upgrade works in Drumshanbo, Mohill and Manorhamilton Libraries with the balance of funding spent on putting measures in place to cover library re-opening costs as a result of Covid-19.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: [Signature]
Lar Power, Chief Executive

Date: 13th October 2020