



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## Task Force Office

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2020:** Project Manager, Marie Ryan set up and opened the public office in Sept 2020 in a vacant town centre office on Bridge Street. The office is manned by Project Manager and 2 admin staff.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2021.



## A Warm Welcome offered at the office.....

**Alan Manning** has a background in Multimedia, PC maintenance, and recently acquired a diploma in Business Administration. He will initially be helping to analyse the Tipperary Town survey data, and creating graphics such as word clouds, and assisting in the preparation of other future Task Force publications and website. He says *'I am looking forward to working with everyone, and helping in any way I can'.*

**Ceola Ryan McKee** has a background in Beauty and Hospitality Sectors and has worked in New York with children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Being able to spend time and learn about different cultures and traditions was highly rewarding and motivating. Ceola is *'delighted to be working for the Tipperary Town Task Force. I'm positive that the Task Force has great ideas and the best interest of the Tipperary people. I'm grateful to be given this opportunity to work and learn alongside them'.*

## Achievements to date

Collaborative Town Centre Health Check (CTCHC) – Step 2 of 15 Step Programme completed by Alison Harvey of the Heritage Council. This will provide great information on Tipp Town when completed.

Funding sourced from LEADER Grant Aid for a Heritage Audit for the town and its hinterland. Abarta Heritage Consultants to start in Jan 2021, subject to Covid Guidance.

Funding received under the Town and Village Renewal Covid scheme for

- New Brand for Tipperary Town.
- the creation and erection of Window Wraps/Covers for disused offices and shops in the Town Centre.
- Land Use Survey for Town Centre.
- Local Ambassador programme - currently being established. The Local Ambassador volunteer will provide a direct contact with people who are either residents or visitors on a range of aspects of the town including available parking locations, details of the existing services, awareness of the range of shops and facilities.

A small number of Task Force members, Lisa Mc Grath, and Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) with Project Manager, Marie Ryan worked with Anthony Coleman on delivering a short term solution to temporarily repairing the Courthouse roof, using the services of local roofing contractor John Tuohy.

### **Tourism Production Action Plan**

Alan Hill Tourism Consultants have been commissioned to undertake the preparation of a Tourism Product Action Plan for Tipperary Town and Hinterland – delivery date Q1/2021.

### **National Heritage Week August 2020**

Projects for Tipperary Town submitted to Heritage Week 2020;

- The Biocultural Heritage of Tipperary Town, Ruth Broderick.
- Tipperary People of Great Note, Martin Quinn.
- A tour of the Architectural Heritage of Tipperary Town, Dr Barry O Reilly, Architectural Heritage Officer with the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.

### **Submission to Stage 1 Issues Paper on the new County Development plan 2022**

The Task Force submits that the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 recognises and supports the implementation of the Action Plan for Tipperary Town by way of a Specific Objective and recognises and supports the development of key strategic developments for Tipperary Town and its hinterland by way of inclusion of them as strategic developments in the Policies and Specific Objectives within the new CDP.

**New Brand for Tipperary Town** - A small group of people gathered, their face masks firmly in place, but their eyes revealing their enthusiasm and passion, for the launch of the new brand for Tipperary Town. Despite the challenges of Covid19, nothing could stop the palpable excitement as members of organisations and the wider community in the town zoomed in eagerly awaiting their first view of the new brand. The Chairperson Carmel Fox reflected that she was particularly impressed by the collaboration and partnership element of this project and in particular the inclusion of the community in identifying what was to be depicted or reflected in the new Brand. Carmel thanked the project team involved in the project - Siobhan Hyland Ryan, Brian O'Rahelly, Anne Hadnett and Dave McMahon and Kathleen Prendergast of Tipperary Co Co.

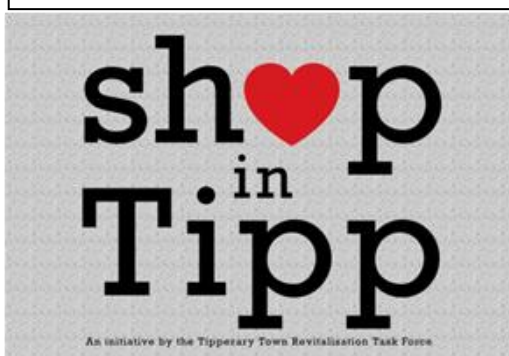


### **Preparation of 3 year Action Plan for Tipperary Town**

Public Consultation Survey issued in Sept 2020. Some 549 responses received. Analysis collated with previous consultations, 70+ and 105 under Queens University. A Report has been published for the public in Dec 2020. In addition, stakeholder consultations on the themes for the Action Plan include in-person meetings and workshops, on-line meetings, focus group meetings and workshops, etc.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

A very early Save the Date for 2021 - National Heritage Week, one of Ireland's largest cultural events, runs from 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Put your thinking caps on and start thinking of projects to showcase the wonderful, rich heritage of Tipperary Town and Hinterland – [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)



### **And Finally....**

We look forward to working with you in a collaborative way to make Tipperary Town the best town it can be. In the meantime, if you have any questions or want any information, contact [info@tipptownrevitalisation.ie](mailto:info@tipptownrevitalisation.ie)

### **Watch our for.....**

- Change to some windows of some vacant premises and a thank you to the owners for letting us erect window covers.

Be sure to follow us on social media!

