



## What are the biggest **CHALLENGES** facing Co Monaghan?

Crime

Empty retail units in town centres

Lack of garda presence

Lack of facilities & supports for young people

Unemployment

Ghost estates

Underdeveloped Tourism sector

Dereliction

Reliance on low-wage industries

Mental health

Poverty

Access to healthcare

Lack of economic growth

Lack of Broadband

Lack of services for children

Poor condition of local roads

Cuts to community schemes

Conservation of our heritage buildings

Families under increasing financial pressure



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Lack of social housing

No prospects for young people locally

Protection of our environment from illegal dumping, diesel wash, litter, etc

Losing our identity & pride in being from Monaghan

Affordable childcare

Rural transport

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## **What one thing would make the biggest difference to the lives of the people of Co Monaghan?**

Job creation

Better rural transport

Urban regeneration schemes

More community health initiatives

Increase in visitor numbers to the county

Reduce congestion in towns

Keep the Ulster Final in Clones

Give pedestrians and cyclist priority over motor vehicles in towns

Improved variety of tourist accommodation

Reduce isolation

More drugs awareness work

Reduce fear of crime

Services to cater for a multi-cultural society

Access to broadband

Retain and improve services in rural areas

Better support for our older people

Youth engagement

More sports facilities



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## What can Monaghan Co Co do to help communities?

Transparency in all budgets

Conduct an audit of services to identify the gaps

Support SME sector through incentives linked to reduced rates

Make more use of Part 5 of the Housing Development Plan (to require developers to provide social housing)

Assist people with new Rent Allowance Scheme

Sort out ghost estates

Sort out dereliction

Offer defunct equipment and materials to community groups

Introduce more vehicle speed control measures in urban areas

Improve footpaths/ remove sandwich boards to make it easier for people of limited mobility to get around

Undertake a flagship tourism project to support tourism development in the county

Run more cultural events

Improve link roads and bypasses

More social housing

Purchase key assets to ensure they are available for future development

Develop tourism brand for Co Monaghan linked to heritage & culture

Develop the Ulster Canal Greenway beyond Monaghan town



## What can Monaghan Co Co do to help communities?

Use local contractors where possible

Provide more funding to community projects

Extend the Age Friendly initiative to include all towns

Extend the Active Travel Towns initiative (promoting walking & cycling) to all towns

Preserve the heritage buildings in its care and make available for community use

Assist communities to find innovative ways of improving access to services in their area

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## What should the PPN focus on for the next 2 years?

Ensuring the community's needs are reflected in the new funding programmes coming in to Co Monaghan

Ensuring hard-to-hear voices such as Travellers are facilitated to have their say

Getting information out to local groups, to ensure they are always well informed and connected in to latest developments

Promoting community spirit & a sense of pride

Providing opportunities for groups to interact, network and learn from one another

Supporting the community reps to represent us effectively on the JPC, SPC's and LCDC, and ensuring they feed back regularly to the groups

Assisting groups to find ways of progressing their projects, eg advice about funding

Ensuring that the community sector has a strong input into the new Local Community Plan, and other important strategies which will shape future development in the county.

Ensuring all communities are familiar with the PPN, are linked to it, and understand how it works

Ensuring balance across the PPN structures—MD, theme & gender



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