

# Connecting Ireland Insights

Issue 11



## ➤ Over 180 new or enhanced services added to the TFI Network through the Connecting Ireland Plan

In 2025, the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan continued to reach new heights by adding over 30 new or enhanced TFI services to the TFI Public Transport Network bringing the total of routes added by the Plan over the course of four years to over 180.

Eight million journeys were made across Connecting Ireland services in 2024, 4.7 million of these journeys were completed on new or enhanced an increase of almost 47% compared to the previous year. This significant increase in passenger numbers was supported by the new and enhanced services were introduced under the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan, meaning more people than ever have access to reliable and frequent public transport services connecting towns and townlands across Ireland.



In addition, the introduction of new/enhanced routes nationwide has improved social cohesion by connecting communities, allowing people to access social events, activities, and support services more easily. The transfer by some to public transport is likely to have contributed to a reduction in carbon emissions, by foregoing the use of the car for their travel. This latter outcome is particularly important, given today's focus on mitigating the transport sector's impact on our environment.



## Services introduced in 2025

Route Number	Route Name/ Description	Operator	Implementation Date
<b>WW10</b>	Carnew – Baltinglass	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	06/01/2025
<b>891</b>	Kilkenny – Fiddown	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	20/01/2025
<b>834</b>	Portlaoise – Roscrea	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	10/02/2025
<b>384</b>	Enniscorthy – Wexford	TFI Local Link Wexford	27/03/2025
<b>263</b>	Castletownbere – Allihies – Dursey	TFI Local Link Cork	31/03/2025
<b>854</b>	Roscrea – Nenagh	TFI Local Link Tipperary	31/03/2025
<b>105</b>	Blanchardstown – Drogheda via Ashbourne	Bus Éireann	25/05/2025
<b>888</b>	Athy – Allenwood	TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin	03/06/2025
<b>280</b>	Waterville – Killorglin	TFI Local Link Kerry	23/06/2025
<b>237</b>	Cork – Goleen via Skibbereen	Bus Éireann	29/06/2025
<b>243</b>	Cork – Doneraile via Kanturk	Bus Éireann	29/06/2025
<b>519</b>	Cork – Charleville via Mallow	Bus Éireann	29/06/2025
<b>356</b>	Dungarvan – Clonmel	TFI Local Link Waterford	30/06/2025
<b>163</b>	Brú na Bóinne – Drogheda	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	07/07/2025
<b>363</b>	Fermoy – Dungarvan	TFI Local Link Waterford	07/07/2025
<b>548</b>	Loughrea – Athlone	TFI Local Link Galway	14/07/2025
<b>350</b>	Galway – Ennis via Cliffs of Moher	Bus Éireann	27/07/2025
<b>351</b>	Galway City – Cliffs of Moher	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	27/07/2025
<b>318</b>	Ennis – Limerick	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	04/08/2025
<b>530</b>	Mallow – Fermoy	TFI Local Link Cork	18/08/2025
<b>172</b>	Cootehill – Virginia	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	25/08/2025
<b>255</b>	Kinsale – Cork West	TFI Local Link Cork	25/08/2025
<b>929</b>	Ballinamore – Cavan	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	25/08/2025
<b>189</b>	Enfield – Navan	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	01/09/2025
<b>570</b>	Boyle – Roscommon	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	08/09/2025
<b>816</b>	Longford – Mullingar	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	15/09/2025
<b>865</b>	Lough Gowna – Longford	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	15/09/2025
<b>862</b>	Longford – Cavan	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	29/09/2025

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460a/b	Castlebar – Gob an Choire/ Béal an Mhuirthead	TFI Local Link Mayo	29/09/2025
563	Sligo – Dromahair	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	13/10/2025
983	Manorhamilton – Ballyshannon	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	20/10/2025
178	Kells – Cootehill	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	20/10/2025
564	Carrick-on-Shannon – Swanlinbar	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	13/11/2025
183	Arklow – Sallins	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	01/12/2025
895	Glenalough – Sallins	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	01/12/2025

## New or Enhanced Services to be implemented in 2025

Route Number	Route Name/ Description	Operator	Implementation Date
567	Manorhamilton – Carrick-on-Shannon	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	29/12/2025