



ALAN KELLY TD

DELIVERING FOR THE PEOPLE OF TEMPLEMORE

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Dear Constituent,

I am honoured to serve the people of Templemore and to deliver for this area. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the local matters that have arisen and show that progress is being made for the local community in Templemore. You will find here some information on projects and developments that I have helped to secure that will benefit the Templemore area. Effective public representation, at both local and national level, is essential to ensuring that Templemore is treated as a priority area by the Government and I remain deeply committed and proud to continue delivering for the people of Templemore. If at any time I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

Our Lady's Secondary School received a very large multi-million euro allocation to be completely refurbished and extended. In 2012, I brought the Principal of the school Patricia Higgins, school teacher Seamus Burke and the Chairman of the Board of Management John Lynagh to meet the then Minister for Education Ruairi Quinn TD. This was a very successful meeting. Minister Quinn followed up with me that he was very impressed by the representation made by the school and the fact that I had made them a priority. He assured me that their new school would be funded once money became available and he honoured his word.



Back row: Mr. Séamus Bourke (Coordinator of fundraising), Mr. Willie Butler (Deputy Principal), Mrs Anna Cashman (Board of Management), Mr. Conor Murphy (Board of Management), Mrs Margaret Quinlan (Parents' Association), Ms Patricia Higgins (Principal), Mr. James Ormond ((Board of Management)

Front row: Mrs Mary Anne Fogarty (Board of Management), Mrs Bridget Jones (Board of Management), Niamh Sheppard (student), Ciara Ryan (student), Niamh Kennedy (student), Minister Alan Kelly, Mr. John Lynagh (Chairperson, Board of Management)

TEMPLEMORE FIRE STATION



I pictured at the fire station with Murtagh Crawford (Assistant Fire Officer), Ray O'Leary (Acting Chief Fire Officer), John Shinnors (Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer), Michael Davern (firefighter), Kieran Galvin (Sub Officer), Eddie Scully (Firefighter), John O'Meara (Station Officer), Eddie Ryan (Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer), James Devanney (Firefighter) and Paul Gallagher (Assistant Chief Fire Officer).

As Minister with responsibility for the fire service I recently secured funding through my department for the provision of a new fire station in Templemore. I have a huge affinity with the fire service so I was delighted to visit the fire service team in Templemore to announce this funding. They have waited way too long for this announcement. The current fire station was built in the 1960s and they desperately needed a new one, which will now occur.

CLONMORE NS

Clonmore NS has been approved for major funding to carry out much needed repairs. The works include two mainstream classrooms, refurbishment works which include new partitions, electrical and mechanical upgrade, dry lining where necessary and wheelchair access and finally the removal of existing prefab.

I have had many meetings with Minister Jan O'Sullivan and sent many letters to the Department of Education in relation to the school and I was thrilled to visit the school recently to announce the funding.

This is a significant announcement for all at the school, the principal Brain Kenny, teaching staff, students and Pat Murray and his fellow Board of Management members.



I am pictured here with students from the school



I am pictured with Pat Murray Chairperson Board of Management, Josephine Ryan (Teacher), Mary Madden (Deputy Principal), Carmel Kenny (Teacher), Lesley Hogg (Secretary), Elaine Ryan (Teacher) and Brian Kenny (Principal)

TEMPLEMORE ATHLETICS CLUB

Templemore Athletic Club were successful in their Sports Capital Grant application receiving €50,000.

When I was Minister of State in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, I was more than happy to offer my assistance to the club with the submission of their application. The club deserve huge credit for all their hard work over the past couple of years and I am delighted with this allocation as I know it will assist them greatly.



Pictured at Templemore Athletics Club following the announcement of the €50,000 Sports Capital Grant.

THOMAS ADLUM'S WOODTURNING



Was thrilled to promote Thomas Adlum's Woodturning work on a trip I took to China in March. Thomas is a gentleman, an artist and someone I have admired for a long time. He's simply a genius at what he does.

LOUGHMORE NS NATIONAL SCHOOL RECEIVES NEW CLASS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In 2013, Tipperary received seven new classes for children with special needs. I was well aware of the work that was being put into special needs teaching across the county as I have been working with many of the schools that deliver these classes. I was delighted that Loughmore National School benefitted from this announcement.

VISIT TO CONVENT

On a visit to Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore, I visited the convent where I met Sr. Rosario, Sr. Emmanuelle, Sr. Rita, Sr. Joan, Sr. Bridget and Sr. Helen on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first nuns in Templemore.



SUMMER WORKS SCHEME

Many schools in the Templemore area benefitted from the governments Summer Works Scheme. I was in constant contact with many of these schools and was delighted to assist them in securing these works.

Clonmore NS	Mechanical Works
Loughmore NS	Window Repairs
St Colmcilles Primary School	External Works
St. Joseph's	Structural Improvements



THE COTTAGE LOUGHMORE

I launched the Rural Development Programme in "The Cottage" in Loughmore last March. This funding is about community participation, boosting employment and tackling rural isolation.

That is why I was happy to launch this programme in The Cottage – a place where the community worked to reinvigorate the village by thinking outside the box and establishing a local co-operative tea-shop that is now thriving through voluntary effort.

I wish both Maeve and Mary continued success and I now want to see this replicated in more places throughout the country.



Enjoying a cup of tea with Mary Fogarty The Cottage, Minister of State for Rural Affairs, Ann Phelan T.D and Maeve O Heir The Cottage.



Maeve O Heir, myself and Mary Fogarty in the back garden of The Cottage in Loughmore.

TEMPLEMORE BROADBAND PLAN TO BE COMPLETE BY 2016

A new online map service highlighting the time frame for broadband roll out throughout the country was launched late last year. Templemore will get high-speed broadband from a commercial operator by the end of 2016. Access to broadband is vital for every home and business in our county.

Not only does it help attract investment and jobs to rural areas, but it also enables people to interact socially with one another, access important information about public services, and to use it as a learning tool. It simply should no longer be the case that just because someone is living in a rural community, they don't have the same opportunities when it comes to online access. It is part of the Government's overall strategy to ensure parity of coverage between urban and rural areas.

NEW GARDA RECRUITS

In April, my colleague Brendan Howlin announced the sanctioning of a further 250 new Garda recruits.

A total of 550 Gardaí will have been recruited by this Government between September 2014 and 2015.

This is in addition to the €27.5 million invested in new Garda vehicles between 2012 and 2014, marking a massive increase on the €4.8 million provided for in Budgets 2009-2011.

This is great news for the town of Templemore, particularly businesses in the area with the extra revenue in the town as well as the potential for tourism.

€400,000 ALLOCATED TO TIPPERARY PROJECTS UNDER THE 2014 LOCAL AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP FUND

Last year, I announced the recipients of grant funding under the 2014 Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund. This grant scheme promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at a local level. A total of 54 projects within the county received €15,700 from my Department and a similar amount from Tipperary County Council. This scheme is an important contributor to local small scale environmental projects.

TIPPERARY GETS €57 MILLION HOUSING BOOST

I have announced the approval of over €7 million worth of public house building for County Tipperary. This will create an estimated 70 jobs throughout the county and is part of the first phase of housing investment for the county which will see approximately €57 million invested in various housing supports for Tipperary.

STRATEGIC BANKING CORPORATION OF IRELAND

Local businesses will benefit from the new Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) when it begins providing loans to SMEs soon.

A total of €5 billion is set to be loaned to SMEs across the country over the next five years under the new bank, with an initial tranche of €800m to be released.

As a local Labour representative, I have been particularly diligent on pressing home the need for us to implement the strategic banking fund that Labour had pledged to deliver in the Programme for Government.

I am confident it will help deliver more jobs and quality employment for people in our local area.

€382,000 FOR TIPPERARY RURAL WATER SCHEMES

€382,000 in funding has been allocated to Tipperary rural water schemes. My department has granted this funding to Tipperary County Council under the Department's Rural Water Programme which sets aside funding for upgrading and upkeep of group water schemes in rural areas.



€10.1 MILLION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TIPPERARY

As Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government I announced a €10.1million rural development fund for Tipperary. The funding forms part of the Government's €250 million



Minister Alan Kelly with Minister Ann Phelan and Pat Spillane at the recent launch of the CEDRA Report

funding for the Leader element of the rural development programme. LEADER funding will be used to support sustainable economic development projects for rural communities ranging from tourism, agri-food and other business activities. This money will be targeted at tackling social inclusion, rural isolation as well as increasing the capacity of rural communities to participate in economic development.



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