

# Postman retires after 38 years

THE staff and community at An Post are bidding a fond farewell to Michael Duffy, a beloved postal delivery man who has hung up his cap after an impressive 38 years of dedicated service.

Michael was a familiar and friendly face, delivering mail across the Westport area with pride and professionalism.

In his final year, Michael covered the Cuilmore route, ensuring that his customers received their mail promptly

and with a smile.

Known for his strong work ethic, good humour, and friendly nature, Michael was highly regarded by both colleagues and customers alike.

His positive attitude and commitment to his work

made him a treasured member of the DSU Westport team, and he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of working with him.

The team at An Post and the community wish Michael a very happy and fulfilling re-

irement.

Enjoy your well-earned

break, Michael - you deserve it!



Michael Duffy being presented with the Cuchulainn trophy for his service with An Post by Ger Dawson, manager of the DSU, Westport.



## Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo

### Mayo County Council



**NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

**N5 Knockavrony Bridge Rehabilitation Works in Knockavrony, County Mayo**

**Notice of Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for Approval**

Notice is hereby given that Mayo County Council proposes to seek the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for N5 Knockavrony Bridge Rehabilitation Works in the townlands of Knockavrony and Redhill, County Mayo.

The proposed development consists of the rehabilitation of the existing Knockavrony Bridge on the N5 National Primary Road. The proposed works comprise the installation of a 150mm thick concrete invert throughout the length of the corrugated pipe section of the structure to prevent further corrosion of the existing corrugated steel. Installation of the concrete invert requires full dewatering of the river channel with an over pumping mechanism. In addition, the north embankment over the reinforced concrete slab section of the structure requires to be excavated to apply waterproofing to the concrete slab. Works also include the repair to minor areas of spalling within the reinforced concrete slab section of the structure and installation of fencing across the north elevation to increase the parapet containment height.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

An Coimisiún Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including the Natura Impact Statement, will be available for inspection free of charge, or for purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, for a period of 6 weeks from *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025* (inclusive of both dates) at the following locations:

- Planning Department (Public Counter), Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 WF90 between the hours of 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays)
- An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 V902 between the hours of 9:15am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays)

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including the Natura Impact Statement, are also available for viewing on Mayo County Council's online consultation portal at <https://consult.mayo.ie/> from *Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025*.

Submissions or observations regarding the proposed development may be made in writing, during the 6 week period, to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in relation to:

- i. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development,
- ii. the likely consequences for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development, and
- iii. the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site.

The deadline for submissions or observations to An Coimisiún Pleanála is **5.30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) as provided for in Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the An Coimisiún Pleanála website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) or on the Citizens Information website ([www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)).

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report for the proposed development has been undertaken and Mayo County Council has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

Signed

Conrad Harley  
A/Head of Roads  
Mayo County Council

## Chris Moran in running for Top Tradesperson title

CHRIS Moran, a builder from Westport, has beaten off stiff competition to secure a semi-final place in Screwfix's search for the UK and Ireland's top tradesperson.

Chris, who works with Moran Bros. Builders, has worked in construction for 25 years across all aspects of the industry. His professionalism and dedication stood out among the hundreds of entries from tradespeople across the UK and Ireland.

A qualified civil engineer, Chris has more than two decades in construction under his belt. In 2018, he co-founded Moran Bros. Builders alongside his brother - a growing business that now employs a dedicated team, including a number of young apprentices.

Chris thrives on the variety each project brings and takes pride in teamwork, problem-solving, and the overall sense of accomplishment that comes with a job well done. For him, seeing it all come together - and the clients' smiles at the end - makes it the best job in the world.

The semi-final stage will see Chris compete against over 40 other top tradespeople, presenting their skills and story to judges from Screwfix. The



Chris Moran

semi-finalists will be whittled down to just 10 before advancing to the national final at Screwfix LIVE in September. The winner will take home a €20,000 trade bundle of tools, tech and training.

Said Chris: "When I heard that I had been successful in getting to the semi-final stage of the Screwfix top tradesperson competition I was shocked. It's an honour to compete against such talented individuals and I'm excited to share my story with the judges - not just to showcase my skills, but also to inspire the next generation of tradespeople."

"Here in Ireland, we need more young apprentices, and I hope to show them just how rewarding a career in the trades can be."