

DEEP ROOTS

and GREEN SHOOTS

What next for rural Ireland?

We want to hear your ideas!

**What one
problem do you
most want fixed?**

**What one idea
do you want
action on?**

**What will help
your community
thrive?**

**Tell us, what
would you do?**

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SOME OF OUR PRIORITIES FOR RURAL IRELAND



Safer Communities

- Put more Community Gardaí on the ground and increase their presence.
- Use CCTV to tackle illegal dumping and deter crime.

Improve Connectivity

- Reduce mobile phone blackspots by funding open access infrastructure.
- Fast track rollout of broadband and remote working hubs.

Stronger Communities

- Increase funding for LEADER, SICAP, and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.
- Guarantee public playing pitches and community sport spaces.
- Protect the Post Office Network and reintroduce Town councils.
- Pilot mobile libraries and support local community shops.

Transport

- Introduce a Rural Transport Guarantee and ensure every child has a school bus place.
- Invest in rural road upkeep and build more segregated cycle lanes.

Housing

- Increase the Housing Adaptation grant.
- Invest more into rural water and sewage schemes.
- Introduce a retrofitting tax incentive and increase SEAI grants.

Health and Care

- Support Rural GPs and incentivise doctors to set up new practices.
- Increase mental health supports for rural communities.
- Improve ambulance response times and invest in local hospitals.
- Increase supports for Family Carers through Labour's Carer Package.
- Reform the Fair Deal so that it supports people who want to stay in their own homes.

Farming and Forestry

- Rollout an Anaerobic Digestion Support Scheme.
- Introduce new supports for farmers impacted by Nitrates Directive.
- Increase access to ACREs and more funding for ANCs.
- Raise funding for tillage, horticulture and organic farming schemes.
- Hold a Citizen's Assembly on the future of agriculture and food production.
- Reintroduce an early retirement scheme to incentivise young farmers.
- Achieve Programme for Government targets on afforestation and address Ash Dieback concerns.