



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.