

# Boher Parish Hall BCP (Broadband Connection Point) leading the way in Community & Digital Transformation

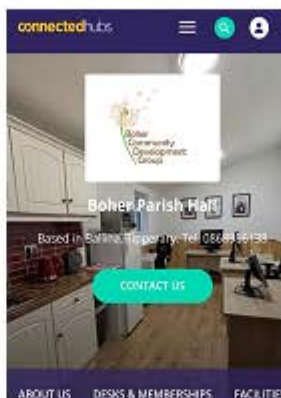


## BOHER PARISH HALL DESIGNATED AS A BCP STARTED OUR STORY



**Three years ago our hall had died and now it's been brought back to life!**

Boher was fortunate to have its Parish Hall designated as a **Broadband Connection Point (BCP)**. The BCP is part of the connected hubs and it has three hot desks available for remote workers. The BCP has provided opportunities for Boher to work in collaboration with Trinity College, Our Kids Code and Microsoft to deliver weekly inclusive family coding meet ups. A long term coding club has now been established. The hall is currently facilitating Smartphone courses for older people and farmers which are being delivered by Tipperary ETB. It is a thriving community hub that is being widely used by the Boher community and surrounds.



**Tina Mulhearne Digital Officer Tipperary County Council** celebrates the Tipperary BCP Network and believes that "Community Centres and Parish Halls such as Boher have been transformed to an energy centre at the heart of the rural community giving world wide access to the citizens of the area. Whether that is connected working, digital skills, the creative arts, eHealth, educational supports, business supports, the BCPs are now supporting the provision of services that their community needs".



**Rural Ireland's First Changing Places Facility.**

### Community Digital Engagement

**Boher BCP launched Dream Space™ nationally.** The programme engaged a wide range of stakeholders, including Microsoft Dream Space, Microsoft Ireland's STEM innovation and education programme, OurKidsCode, the Department of Rural and Community Development, Tipperary County Council and participating schools and clubs. This collaborative effort demonstrated a unique and sustainable way of engaging the local community in digital education.

**Simon Howe Broadband Officer** sees this evidenced in particular in rural Ireland and states that "Tipperary's Boher BCP is a perfect example of how community engagement through volunteers energises a local community to promote digital literacy and community development".

**OurKidsCode Overall Club Award 2023**

**Boher BCP Community Group** represented Tipperary in the **Newcomer and Digital Rising Star** categories in the **National Digital Town Awards** and were **County Winners** in the **National Lottery's Community Award** representing Tipperary at National awards.

Adult Learning Service

Smartphone Courses - Boher

**Get to know your Smartphone**  
Thurs 29th Nov - Thurs 14th Dec  
5.30pm-5.30pm  
4 Weeks - Small Group

**Smartphone for Farmers**  
Thurs 29th Nov - Thurs 14th Dec  
6.30pm-8.30pm  
4 Weeks - Small Group

Venue: Boher Parish Hall (Boher BCP)

Full course info: [www.FetchCourses.ie](http://www.FetchCourses.ie)

Course code: **REGISTER TODAY WITH:** Nicola 086 848 6138 bohercommunitygroup@gmail.com



**Boher Community Development Group**

**4 Weeks of Family Coding**

Monday 6th Nov - 7-8.30pm  
Monday 13th Nov - 7-8.30pm  
Monday 20th Nov - 7-8.30pm  
Monday 27th Nov - 7-8.30pm

Boher BCP (Parish Hall)

The link for Registration is <https://www.ourkidscode.org/registration>  
Select Club Code - TIPPERARYSCHEROS

Closing date for registration Wednesday 1st Nov

Please note teachers must have a child that is eight years or older, younger children are welcome as part of their family

