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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT



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# HOUSING

## Housing Strategy & Services

Under the Housing for All Programme 2022 to 2026, Wexford County Council must build a minimum of 1,159 new housing units within the programme timeframe. The status of overall programme delivery, which includes new built and leasing, is contained in the diagram below. (1218 below includes leasing)

Housing For All 2022-2026						
1218 Target	- (	876 Units Delivered	+	578 Units Projected	=	1454 Delivery Pipeline
						) = 236 Shortfall /Over

It is the Councils intention to continue to deliver new housing, above the target provided under the programme, where demand exists and Department funding is available. The following tables outline the current delivery pipelines and status on projects. For LA Direct Build information, please refer to the Capital Development section of the Chief Executives Report.

**Turnkey Delivery** - The Housing Section periodically seek Expressions of Interest for the provision of social housing units via Turnkey Acquisition. The next Expression of Interest opens on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 and will run until 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. All calls are seeking targeted delivery of smaller unit types (1 & 2 beds) in areas of need identified in the Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). In addition, the process also seeks proposals for purchase of land in areas of need. All proposals received by Wexford County Council under the turnkey process are assessed by an Internal Assessment Committee.

## Gorey/Kilmuckridge Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	7 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	Q2 2025	29
Gleann an Ghairdin, Gorey	12 x 2-bed apt 12 x 3-bed apt	Delivered February 2025	24
Mangan, Hollyfort, Gorey	2 x 3-Bed	Q4 2025	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	6 x 3-bed apt 6 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2026	12
Grattan Court, Gorey	10 x 3-bed 4 x 2-bed apt	Q3 2025	14
		<b>Total Turnkey Units</b>	<b>81</b>

## Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD - cont'd

Project Address (Part V)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Gleann an Ghairdin Phases 3 & 4	2 x 2-bed	Q1 2026	2
Tobar Muire, Creagh Demesne, Gorey	2 x 2-bed	Q2 2025	2
Spring View, Gorey Hill, Gorey	4 x 3-bed apt 4 x 2-bed apt	Q2 2026	8
Deerpark (Ballowen or Ramsfort Park) Gorey	1 x 3-bed 1 x 2-bed <b>2 x 3-bed</b>	Q3 2025	4
Grattan Court Gorey	2 x 2 bed	Q3 2025	2
Pearsons Brook	2 x 3 bed	Delivered March 2025	2
Upton Meadows, Kilmuckridge	2 x 3 bed 1 x 2 bed	Delivered March 2025	3
Sunset Avenue, Riverchapel	1 X 2 bed hse	Q1 2026	1
Millquarter, Knockmullen	6 X 2 bed apt 6 X 3 bed apt	Q1 2026	12
		<b>Total Part V</b>	<b>36</b>

Project Address (AHB)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ballytegan Rd, Gorey	3 x 1-bed 26 x 2-bed 52 x 3-bed 5 x 4-bed	Q3 2026	86
Riverchapel Road, Gorey	6 x 1-bed apt	Q3 2025	6
The Close, Newbury, Clonattin, Gorey	2 x 1 bed apt 4 x 2 bed apt 17 x 3 bed	6 Apts. Q2 2025	6
		<b>Total ABH</b>	<b>98</b>

**215**

Rosslare Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Carrig-on-Bannow (TURNKEY)	5 x 1 bed 5 x 2 bed	Q3 2025 Q1 2026	10
Carrig-on-Bannow (PART V)	2 x 3 bed	Q2 2025	2
			12

Enniscorthy Municipal District

Project Address (TURNKEY)	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy	5 x 2-bed	Q2 2025	5
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy	3 x 2-bed 9 x 3-bed 2 x 4-bed	Phased from Q3 2025	14
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	7 x 3 bed	Delivering from Q3 2025	5
		Total Turnkey	26
Forgelands, Old Forge Rd, Enniscorthy	4 x 2-bed	Q3 2025	4
Holly-Way, Clonhasten, Enniscorthy	5 x 3-bed	Q3 2025	5
Orchard Way, Clonhasten	4 x 2 bed 1 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	5
Orchard Way, Clonhasten	2 x 2 bed 2 x 3 bed	Delivered Q2 2025	4
Cnoc na Greine, Enniscorthy	16 x 3 bed hse 2 x 2 bed hse 16 x 1 bed apt		34
		Total Part V	52
Milehouse, Phase 1, Enniscorthy (AHB)	4 x 2 bed hse 16 x 3 bed	17 delivered Q4 2024 – Remaining 20 units to deliver Q2 2025	20
		Total AHB	20
			98

## New Ross Municipal District

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard an Bhile, New Ross ( <b>TURNKEY</b> )	2 x 2 bed apt 2 x 1 bed apt	Delivered Q2 2025	4
Hewittlands, New Ross (LAGS site) ( <b>AHB</b> )	10 x 1-bed 16 x 2-bed 22 x 3-bed	Q1 2026	48
Ard an Bhile, New Ross ( <b>PART V</b> )	2 x 1 bed apt	Delivered Q2 2025	2
			<b>54</b>

## Borough District of Wexford

Project Address	Unit Type	Est. Delivery	Total
Ard na hAbhainn, Newtown Rd ( <b>PART V</b> )	2 x 3-bed	Delivered May 2025	2
Ard Uisce, Wexford ( <b>PART V</b> )	8 x 2-bed	Q3 2025 2 delivered May 2025	8
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge ( <b>PART V</b> )	1 x 3 bed	Q2 2025	1
Radharc an Chuain, Castlebridge ( <b>PART V</b> )	2 x 3 bed	Q1 2026	2
Turners Way, Coolcotts ( <b>PART V</b> )	4 x 2 bed apt	Delivering from Q2 2026	4
Beechfield, Clonard ( <b>AHB</b> )	25 x 1-bed 23 x 2-bed 1 x 3-bed 1 x 4-bed	Q1 2026	50
Whiterock Hill, Wexford ( <b>AHB</b> )	6 x 2 bed 34 x 3 bed	40 Delivering on a phased basis from Q2 2025 in 3 phases. 8 delivered April 2025 32 to deliver Q3 2025	32
			<b>82</b>

## HSSU

The figures below represent the total number of calls to the HSSU - it is not reflective of the number of individuals/families as quite often the same client may make multiple calls to the HSSU.

There were 593 calls to the HSSU up to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025, the following is the breakdown of same:-	
593 (95%)	Provided with advice and support in relation to housing and homeless prevention
18 (3%)	Supported with temporary, short, medium and long-term accommodation and tenancy sustainment support through Place Finder and Social Care Workers
8 (1%)	Calls were ineligible at the time for housing/homeless services. HSSU advised and assisted the caller on regularization of their housing situation.
4 (1%)	Calls received where it was not possible to complete a full assessment.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING



### Affordable Housing - Expression of Interest in County Wexford for Building Contractors and Housing Developers

Wexford County Council are seeking expressions of interest for the delivery of new dwellings for affordable housing in county Wexford

In this call, home builders and housing developers are being asked to consider offering properties with planning permission to Wexford County Council under an advance purchase turnkey arrangement. This call is targeted at advance purchase opportunities for a minimum of 10 dwellings in any one scheme. Please note that Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended applies.



### 'Register of Interest in Affordable Housing' Launched in May 2025

Wexford County Council is launched an online 'Register of Interest' for people who feel they may be eligible to acquire or rent an affordable home from the council. The findings will help in determining the level of interest in affordable housing purchase and cost rental and is for the purpose of gathering information on:

\*Income levels \*Family size \*Housing type \*Location preference

The information will be used to inform the Council on the level of demand and locations for affordable houses and the house prices that people can afford. This will also aid the design of schemes with the right type of homes, at the locations and price points that suit applicant's needs.

Availability of any affordable housing schemes progressed by the Council in the future will be advertised separately, and a formal application process will apply in accordance with the legislation in place at that time.

The registration application is now available on Wexford County Council's website. All information provided will be retained in full adherence to Wexford County Council's Data Protection Policy and in compliance with GDPR requirements.

## Coming Soon – New Affordable Housing Purchase Schemes

Wexford County Council is partnering with Wexford Low Energy Homes to provide up to 24 new homes for sale under the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme. The housing schemes are located in Wexford and Enniscorthy town and will be offered for sale to eligible purchasers nominated by Wexford County Council.

### Applications

Applications for both housing schemes must be made through the online portal which will open on the Wexford County Council website in the coming months.

Further details to follow, interested applicants are asked to register their interest in the schemes by emailing [affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@wexfordcoco.ie)

## AFFORDABLE HOMES COMING SOON



**Ard Uisce**

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

**Coming Soon**

Prices starting from **€250,000**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE E-MAIL

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3 Bed Room and 4 Bed Room

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**Old Forge Road**

CREATING COMMUNITIES IN WEXFORD, FOR OVER 25 YEARS

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

**Coming Soon**

Prices starting from **€250,000**

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## CHOICE BASED LETTING

58 properties were advertised on the Choice Based Letting website from 01/01/2025 to 31/05/25. As multiple properties were available in some cases, a total of 127 properties were available for allocation.

Municipal District	Properties Available for Allocation	No. of Properties Advertised
Enniscorthy	34	17
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	44	12
New Ross	44	16
Rosslare	6	6
Wexford	26	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>58</b>

## HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

From the 1st January to 30th April, 2025 Wexford County Council allocated 129 properties. There were also a further 35 Approved Housing Body tenancies

Area	Re-Lets (Incl. Bays)	Transfers	New Lets	AHBs	MTR	Total
Gorey/Kilmuckridge	7	1	25	5	0	38
New Ross	10	0	22	1	1	34
Enniscorthy	7	2	8	3	1	21
Wexford	18	2	18	9	0	47
Rosslare	7	0	0	17	0	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>164</b>

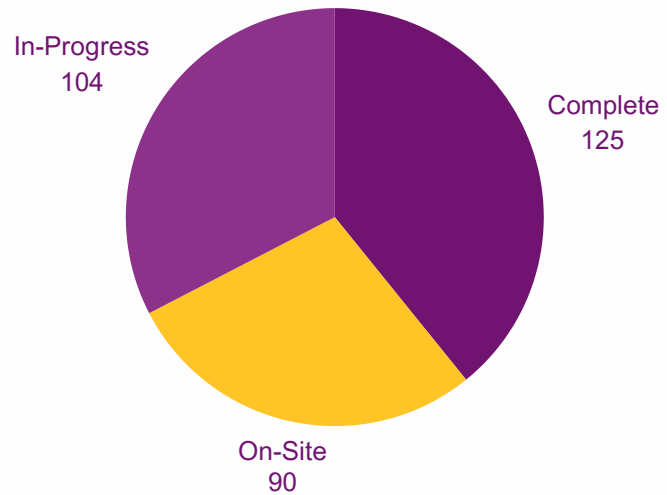
## ESTATE MANAGEMENT CASES

The figures below are from 01/05/2025 - 31/05/2025			
Area	Complaint	Open	Total
Enniscorthy	Breach of Tenancy	2	2
	Drugs	1	1
	Estate Management	5	5
	Verbal Abuse/Harassment	3	3
	<b>Enniscorthy Total :</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Gorey Kilmuckridge	Drugs	1	1
	Estate Management	1	1
	<b>Gorey Kilmuckridge Total :</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
New Ross	Breach of Tenancy	1	1
	Damage to Property	2	2
	Estate Management	2	2
	Unauthorised Occupants	1	1
	Verbal Abuse/Harassment	3	3
	<b>New Ross Total :</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
Rosslare	Breach of Tenancy	1	1
	Verbal Abuse/Harassment	2	2
	<b>Rosslare Total :</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Wexford	Breach of Tenancy	2	2
	Damage to property	2	2
	Estate Management	1	1
	<b>Wexford Total :</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>

# HOUSING CAPITAL - CAPITAL BUILD PROJECTS

Housing for All 2022 - 2026 SUMMARY	
Dwellings Complete 2022	48
Dwellings Complete 2023	23
Dwellings Complete 2024	54
Dwellings to Complete 2025	90
Dwellings to Complete 2026	104
Social & Affordable Housing Pipeline	407

## Construction Status



## Dwellings Under Construction to complete in 2025 - Total 90

Creagh, Gorey	22 Units	Tagoat, Rosslare	18 Units
Wexford Street, Gorey	30 Units	Ramsfort Park, Gorey	20 Houses

Funded Projects for delivery 2025 – 2026			
Monomolin, Gorey	5	Ballygillane, Rosslare	5
Bullawn, New Ross	3	Grogans Road, Wexford	4
Cluain Fada, New Ross, New Ross	22	Killeens, Wexford	60
Adamstown, New Ross	3	Francis Street, Wexford	2
<b>Total 104</b>			

Projects in Design / Pipeline Social and Affordable Subject to Funding Approval			
Clonard, Wexford	55	Creagh, Gorey	24
Group TAP Housing	5	Castlemoyle, New Ross	82
Rosbercon, New Ross	50	The Lyre, Enniscorthy	50
Bride Street, Wexford	3	St Walerans, Gorey	40
Lacken TAP	1	Park, Wexford	12
Kilmore Quay, Rosslare	12	Belvedere, Wexford	8
		Bunclody, Enniscorthy	65
<b>Total 407</b>			

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Strengthening Transatlantic Ties: Wexford County Council Welcomes Delegation from the State of Georgia, USA

Wexford County Council had the honour of hosting a distinguished delegation of Legislators led by Speaker of the House Jon Burns from the Georgia House of Representatives on the 6th and 7th May as part of a growing transatlantic partnership that is delivering cultural, educational, and economic value to County of Wexford. The delegation was accompanied by senior officials from Georgia Southern University led by Dr. Kyle Marrero.

During meetings hosted in the Council Chamber the delegation was formally welcomed by the Cathaoirleach and elected members of Wexford County Council and invited guests. This meeting reinforced the shared commitment to expanding opportunities in education, trade, and cultural exchange between the two regions.

Since the signing of the Sister City Agreement with the City of Savannah three years ago, the relationship between Wexford and Georgia has grown in scope and impact. The recent opening of the Wexford Hub at Henderson Library on the Georgia Southern Statesboro campus has given Wexford a cultural home in Georgia, showcasing its rich literary and historical tradition.

Economically, the partnership has begun to yield tangible benefits through initiatives such as the Tradebridge programme, aimed at enhancing trade and investment between the regions. With Georgia recognized as a leading business hub in the U.S., this partnership opens new pathways for Wexford businesses to explore transatlantic opportunities.



## Visit by THENSA strengthens diplomatic and economic ties with South Africa

Following on from a visit to Wexford County Council last year by Interim Ambassador for South Africa, Mabet Van Rensburg for a series of discussions aimed at strengthening diplomatic, economic and cultural ties, a group of 8 entrepreneurs/students and two members of the Technological Higher Education Network (THENSA) from South Africa visited Wexford recently for a series of site visits to SME's and a knowledge sharing event in The Hatch Lab, Gorey.

The Technological Higher Education Network South Africa (THENSA) and the Technological Higher Education Association (THEA) in Ireland have had a relationship since 2016, resulting in several joint-working groups being established in areas of mutual interest. Well-established engagements, research and development initiatives are ongoing between the Technological Universities in Ireland and the member institutions of THENSA. The group also met with SETU while in Ireland.

The visit was part of a collaborative effort between Wexford County Council and the County Wexford Chamber of Commerce to explore the further development of economic and trade opportunities between Ireland and South Africa.

## LAUNCH OF THE FRINGE FLEADH 2025

Wexford County Council officially launched Fringe Fleadh 2025 at a special event held in the Ashdown Park Hotel, Gorey, on Sunday, 11th May which also saw the launch of the County Fleadh.



This event marked the beginning of a vibrant season of Irish music, culture, and community celebration. The Fringe Fleadh programme will see cultural events taking place across County Wexford throughout the summer in the lead-up to Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in August.

The evening concluded with a powerful and uplifting concert by internationally acclaimed traditional Irish band Goitse, organised by the local Comhaltas branch CCE Gorey/Ballygarrett.

Their performance marked a fitting celebration of the official launch of both events and set the tone for what promises to be an exciting season of culture and community.

## GROW YOUR TOURISM BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

A Grow Your Tourism Business Networking Event took place in Talbot Hotel Wexford on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

This event was a collaboration event between Ireland's Ancient East and Visit Wexford and was designed to help tourism businesses build valuable connections and unlock Wexford's tourism potential.

The networking event was open to tourism business owners, managers, marketing professionals, event planners, tour operators, guides, community leaders, and anyone passionate about showcasing Wexford.

Event highlights included updates from Fáilte Ireland, Visit Wexford and County Wexford Chamber. This was followed by an information session on tourism destination collaboration and facilitated networking opportunities.



## YEAR OF THE NORMANS 2027 - SUB GROUP

On Tuesday 20th May 2025 a Steering Group of the County Norman Forum met to discuss ideas to include in the Year of the Norman 2027 programme of events and also gather some ideas of what could possibly be included in a funding application to The Regional Council of Normandy with our partners from Le Cotentin France.

Some of the ideas that emerged from the meeting included a Norman Symposium which would include key speakers and delegates from The Year of the Normans participating regions, a Norman Banquet in one of the county Norman heritage sites, Norman themed light shows, a joint cross border film through Screen Wexford as well as youth initiatives through the library and Creative Ireland programmes

## TRACKS & TRAILS

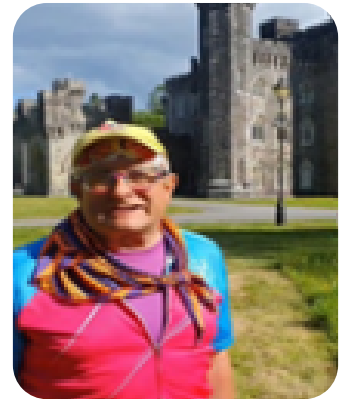
Tracks & Trails returned to RTÉ One in May for its 12th Season – Showcasing Ireland's Scenic Walks and Storied Landscapes.

A collaboration between Visit Wexford and Wexford County council saw Wexford Tintern Abbey Trail featured on the show that was broadcast on Friday 16th May. Each episode featured a guest presenter alongside the main presenter Doireann Ní Ghlacáin, and the Wexford episode featured social media star James Kavanagh bringing his signature wit and curiosity to the trails of County Wexford. The Wexford show can be viewed on the RTE player at the following link

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/tracks-and-trails/SI0000001984?epguid=AI10012937-12-0002>

## T.V. PERSONALITY TOURS COUNTY WEXFORD

Timmy Mallett the T.V personality, artist, and entertainer best known for his vibrant energy, zany sense of humor, and iconic role as the host of the hit children's TV show Wacaday in the 1980s and '90s has been touring Ireland and promoting the locations he visits via his social media channels. Over the June bank holiday weekend Timmy visited various locations around County Wexford including The South East Greenway, High Hill, Carrig on Bannow, Johnstown Castle, the Kennedy homestead, Curracloe and Ballycanew while on route to Gorey.



Beyond television, Timmy is an accomplished painter whose artwork has gained critical acclaim for its vivid color and joyful style; while travelling through County Wexford, Timmy has painted several of the locations that he visited, his first in County Wexford was the impressive Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge.

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

### National Enterprise Awards – Representation of County Wexford

The National Enterprise Awards 2025 took place on 22nd May in the Round Room at the Mansion House, Dublin. Now in its 25th year, the awards recognise the very best of small businesses supported by the Local Enterprise Offices nationwide.

This year, Wexford was represented by Felix Oster, founder of Mór Taste, a food innovation company supported by Local Enterprise Office Wexford. Mór Taste was established in 2023 and is already gaining national recognition for its range of healthier food products, including low-sugar, high-fibre jams and all-natural spreads. The brand has received multiple awards, including a Blas na hÉireann Gold and four Great Taste Stars, and is helping to drive healthier eating habits without compromising on flavour.



Although Mór Taste did not win on the night, reaching the national final is a notable achievement and reflects the strength and potential of Wexford's enterprise community.

Participation in the National Enterprise Awards continues to be an important opportunity to showcase the innovation, talent, and entrepreneurial spirit present in County Wexford.

## COUNTY WEXFORD BUSINESS AWARDS 2025



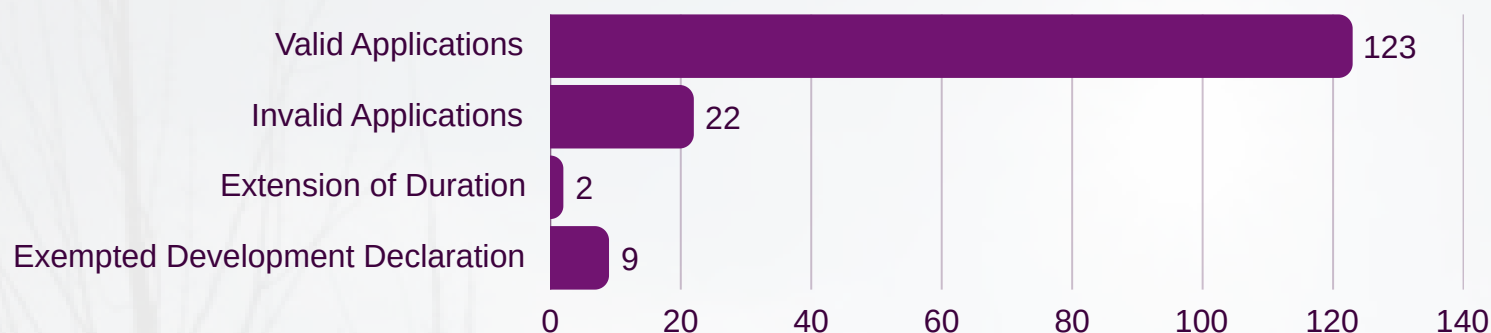
The County Wexford Business Awards 2025 took place on Friday, 23rd May at the Whites of Wexford Hotel, bringing together businesses from across the county to celebrate excellence, innovation, and resilience within the local enterprise sector.

This prestigious event, organised by County Wexford Chamber with Wexford County Council as lead partner, saw over 200 applications and 94 businesses shortlisted across 18 award categories. It remains a key date in the regional business calendar, recognising the outstanding achievements of Wexford-based enterprises and their contribution to the county's economic development.

The Local Enterprise Office Wexford was proud to sponsor the Start-Up Business of the Year category, which was awarded to Fashion Connect Ireland, with Emerald Corporate Services named as runner-up. Congratulations are extended to both businesses, as well as to all our LEO clients who participated in this year's awards.

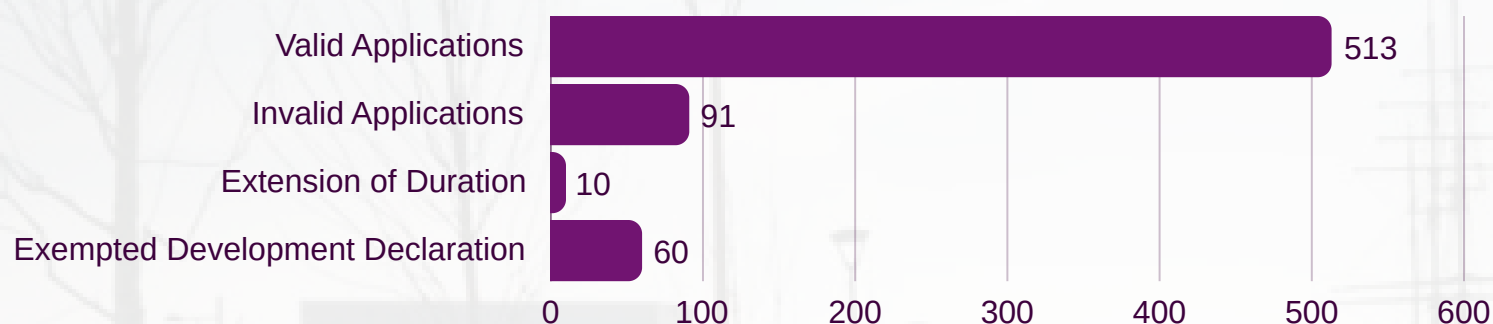
## PLANNING

### Planning applications received from 21st April 2025 to the 25th May 2025



Total number of applications: **148**

### Planning Applications received year to date - 1st January to 25th May 2025



Total number of applications: **604**

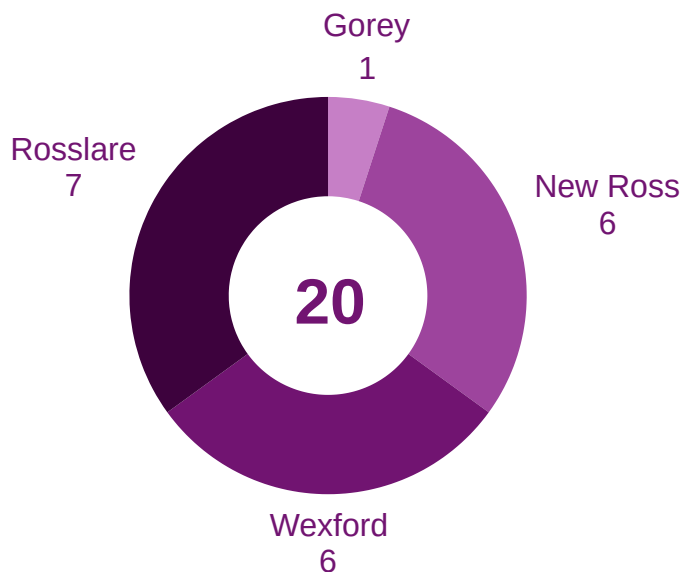
### Pre-Planning - applications year to date up to the 25th May 2025

Pre-planning by District	Applications Received	Applications Closed	Open Pre-planning Applications
Enniscorthy MD	33	28	5
Gorey/Kilmuckridge MD	65	69	14
New Ross MD	32	27	27
Rosslare MD	47	44	4
Wexford BD	46	46	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>41</b>

Average days to pre-planning meeting is **28**

## Major Pre-Planning

Year to date up to the 31st March 2025 number of meetings held by district:



Commercial Development  
(approx. sqm)

**3,481**

Total No. of  
Housing Units

**476**

## Planning CSO Returns

2025 Permissions granted for New Dwellings as of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Housing Developments (total no. units)	Apartments incl. self contained dwelling units (total no. units)	One off Houses	LAC's Local Authority Development	Total no. permissions granted for new dwellings
198	31	92	92	413

## Built, Cultural and Natural Heritage

'The Heritage Section received **€68,000** in funding from the Irish Walled Town Network to carry out essential repairs on a section of **the town wall at John's Gate Street, Wexford**. This conservation work is expected to start in early June.'



### Forward Planning

#### WEXFORD TOWN LOCAL AREA PLAN

Work is progressing well with Wexford Town Local Area Plan. A meeting was held with the Town Team on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May to discuss the Town Centre First Plan which forms part of the plan. The project consultants, Loci, gave a presentation on the consultations which have taken place to date and outlined some emerging themes and actions arising out of those consultations. It was noted that there are many positive suggestions for the town. It was also noted that there was a lot of consensus in the themes and key issues which arose in both the public workshop and in the written submissions.

Work is ongoing on the Draft Rainwater Management Plan and Design Guide, ecology mapping and report and the master planning for the town. These elements are being used to inform the land use zoning and environmental, biodiversity and amenity proposals and policies of the plan. Flood risk mapping has been received from JBA Consulting and it is being used to inform land use zoning proposals. The Local Area Plan team continue their work on drafting the spatial planning framework for the plan area with work currently focused on reviewing the detailed urban design framework for the plan area, prepared by Loci Consultants.

#### COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN MONITORING

Work is nearing completion on the Chief Executive's Report on the achievement of the objectives of the Plan. The Plan contains over 1,200 objectives covering the Council's key programmes, activities and projects, and monitoring ensures that these objectives are being met as set out. The report also contains details of the monitoring of the environmental indicators contained in the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the plan.

### Building Control - From 1st January 2025 to the 25th May 2025

Validated  
Commencement Notices

**146**

Building Control Inspections

**155**

Validated Cert. of Compliance  
on Completion

**39**

### Planning Enforcement - Year to date up to the 25th May 2025

Live Cases

**442**

Cases Opened (YTD)

**129**

Cases Closed (YTD)

**96**

### Dangerous Structures and Places - Year to date up to the 25th May 2025

Notices issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964

Section 3.1 Notice

**5**

Section 3.2 Notice

**2**

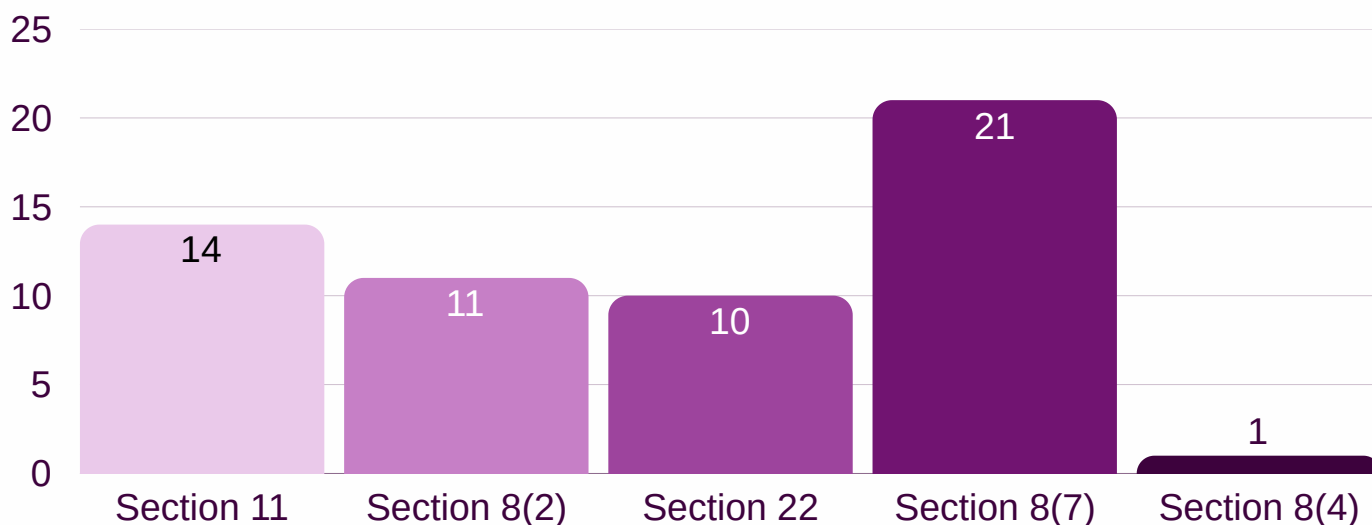
New Files Opened

**3**

## Derelict Sites

Derelict Site Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

Year to date up to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025:



Total number of Notices issued: **57**

**142**

sites on the Derelict  
Site Register

**38**

new files opened

**165**

site inspection/visits  
carried out

**16**

files closed

\*Year to date figures

## URDF Call 3 - Urban Regeneration Development Fund

**174 sites approved on the programme as of the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**



- **25** Awaiting initial engagement with property owner
- **34** Engagement with Property Owner Commenced
- **5** Process to Purchase Commenced by CPO
- **3** Process to Purchase Commenced by Agreement
- **1** Property Acquired by LA
- **12** Advertised for sale - property owned by LA
- **55** Brought back into use by Original Owner (closed case)
- **33** Property no longer vacant/derelict following review (closed case)
- **6** Being Dealt with Under Different Programme

## Access - Disability Access Certificates (DACs):

24 valid DAC applications for the year to date up to 20th April 2025

Total 41 - 17 carried over from 2024

Applications for Districts	Total for Districts	Awaiting Assessment	Further Information	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	2	1	1	2	1
Gorey	10	1	7	3	0
New Ross	4	0	2	3	0
Wexford	6	0	6	11	0
Rosslare	2	0	1	0	2
2025 Totals	24	2	17	19	3

## Disability proofing carried out as part of WCC Access activity

Referrals:

38

LAC/PLAC and  
General Planning Applications

4

Major  
Pre-Planning

2

Appeals  
1 upheld, 1 received

## Access Items

### Age Friendly Expo

The Access section were represented at the recent Age Friendly Expo in Enniscorthy. The event was well attended and it was a great opportunity to discuss access issues in the town directly with local residents. A lot of positive feedback was received and we are looking forward to the next event.

### Beach Accessibility

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, our beach access facilities will be officially available at a number of beaches around the County. In addition to beach wheelchairs, we will also have beach strollers at many locations following the successful pilot programmes in Rosslare and Curracloe last summer.



# REGENERATION UNIT

## Town Centre First

**Measure 2.** We are working closely with the Courtown/Riverchapel TCF Team to develop a TCF Plan for Courtown/Riverchapel.

Initial consultations are complete and the Consultants working with the Town Team and the TRO are working through the feedback. It is envisaged that we will have a draft town centre first plan by mid-June, this will then go out on display for 4 weeks with a final Town centre first plan expected by Autumn 2025.

**Measure 3.** Work is ongoing with the Project development measures for these 2 €50k projects.

- 1. St Michaels Theatre, New Ross. Architect has been appointed to design improvements works and bring to detailed design stage. We have met with the architect on site and he has started the design works.
- 2. Kilmore Scope/ Bridgetown hub for cycling, cycling and walking tourism. Community Consultants have been appointed to bring it through stage 1. Consultation with stakeholders and the local community has taken place and we are looking to move to stage 2 in the coming weeks.

**Measure1:** Claims drawing down the allocated DRCD funding to establish Town Centre First Teams in Taghmon, Bunclody and Castlebridge are being finalised. These Town Team are now well established and the capacity building funding was very helpful in getting these Towns up and going.

## Vacant Homes

Work is continuing on vacant homes with the administration of the Croi Conaithe Grant taking up the vast majority of our time with €1,117,517 paid out in Grants in the last 4 weeks which is having a very positive impact on improving vacancy and dereliction throughout the County.

Croi Conaithe Applications Wexford County Council as at 31-05-25		
Applications Received	469	
Inspections Required (First)	23 Approx.	
Inspections Required (Final)	13 Approx.	
Applications Info Requested	132	
Applications Approved	325	
Awaiting Approval	0	
Applications Rejected	4	
Application on Hold	0	
Withdrawn By Applicant	8	
Funding Issued	78	
Total Funding Paid to Date	€4,991,554.54	20

# WATER SERVICES

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme	
<b>Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance</b>	<b>Kilanerin GWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nitrate removal and monitor included in MARWP submissions.</li> <li>Awaiting announcement from Department on approved projects under the MARWP 2024-2026.</li> </ul>
<b>Measure 3 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation</b>	<b>Blackstairs GWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Caim Tank</b> – Works complete. Road Reinstatement to take place in Q2 2025.</li> <li><b>Reservoir Bypass</b> - Drawdown complete for stage 1 payment Recouped from Dept.</li> <li>Majority of funding expected to be claimed and recouped by Q4 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Measure 5 – Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes</b>	<b>Bing GSS – Community Wastewater Connection (CWwC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department have stated that The Bing CWWC is not considered to be value for money and will not provide any funding for its construction.</li> <li>In May 2025 WCC requested a review of this decision, however the department have responded stating the decision not to approve funding for this project remains the Department’s position</li> </ul>
<b>MARWP 2024-2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission made to Dept. by closing date 12th April 2024</li> <li>Submissions made across a range of measures totaling €3.26 million.</li> <li>All submitted projects have progressed to Phase 2 assessment</li> <li>Awaiting announcement from the Department</li> </ul>
<b>Measure 8 – Individual wells (private or household wells)</b>	<b>Individual Well Grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of <b>23</b> new well grant applications were registered in May 2025.</li> <li><b>14</b> Well Grants have been paid in this period, totaling <b>€25,388.01</b></li> <li><b>55</b> inspections to date carried out to date in March 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Group Water Scheme Subsidies</b>	<b>Subsidies Paid to GWS to date 2025 Total €463,430.85</b>  This consists of - <b>Subsidy A</b> (payable towards the general operational and management costs of all types of GWS’s: <b>€272,345.72</b> - <b>Subsidy B</b> (payable (in addition to Subsidy A) towards O&M costs associated with “bona fide” DBO contracts for GWS’s <b>€191,085.13</b>
<b>Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection &amp; Treatment Needs for Villages &amp; Settlements without access to Public Wastewater Service</b>	<b>New Advance Phase of MARWP 2022-2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister announced Ramsgrange is one of the successful projects under the €50 million Rural Water scheme.</li> <li>Detailed programme for the delivery of project was submitted to Dept. on 10th May 24.</li> <li>Meeting held with Dept. 28th June to discuss next steps for advancing project.</li> <li>Project now with Uisce Eireann to progress to next stage.</li> <li>Workshop -5 held with UE on 3rd October.</li> </ul>
<b>Lead Remediation Grant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 applications received to date on revised grant, 6 paid, 3 approved.</li> </ul>

DPI Resolution Project					
	Name	Towland	Expecting Costings	75% Funding Provided	Project Completion/ Programme
<b>DPI Resolution Programme 2019-2021</b>	Cois Cuan	Arthurstown	€152,475	€114,356	Q4 2025
	Kyles Close	Oulart	€107,153	€80,365	Q4 2025
	Mountain View	Ballindaggin	€208,016	€156,012	Q4 2025
	Gleann na gCaor	Monageer	€302,878	€227,159	Q4 2026
<b>DPI Resolution Programme 2023</b>	Beach View	Duncannon	€72,300	€54,225	Q4 2025
	Farrin Carraig	Duncannon	€202,986	€152,240	Q4 2025
	Beechfields	Ballaghkeen	€353,968	€265,476	Q4 2026

## ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

### MAJOR NATIONAL ROADS PROJECTS

#### N11/N25 Oilgate to Rosslare Harbour

The Project is in Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation. Project design is advancing, with additional tasks addressing Service Area requirements and Active Travel provisions.

A meeting with Iarnród Éireann regarding the railway protection structure at the River Slaney Bridge crossing was held in early May. Discussions with Iarnród Éireann on this matter will continue. Consultation with directly affected landowners is ongoing.

A meeting with the Technical Advisors was held in early May to discuss concerns raised by some landowners regarding the impact of the latest alignment design on their landholdings. Technical Advisors are progressing on the agreed actions from this meeting. Preparation of Environmental, Planning, Design and other reports is ongoing.

#### N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road

The project is currently in Phase 5 – Enabling and Procurement. The Main Contract Tender documents package is expected to be received in the first week of June.

The signed D-C Certificate for the Ballygerry Railway Overbridge has been received from Iarnród Éireann. This certificate forms part of the technical and safety approval process with Irish Rail, which is ongoing.

Correspondence from some landowners has been received regarding the CPO process. A meeting with WCC's valuers is scheduled to take place in the coming days to discuss the next steps.

The appointment of a consultant to undertake due diligence on the full suite of Tender documents is expected in the first week of June.

**N25 Rosslare Europort Access Road cont'd**

The procurement process to appoint Technical Advisors for Phases 6 and 7 of the project is underway. Tender documents for Archaeological Services (Stages I – IV) have been published, with the return date set for the end of June.

**NATIONAL ROAD PAVEMENT SCHEMES**

**SAFETY SCHEMES**

National Road	Progress update
N25 Tagoat	A start up meeting was held with the consultant who has been appointed for the detailed design of the traffic calming scheme.
N30 Leeches Bend West of Clonroche	The design has been approved by TII approval. The revised contract documents are due for issue to Wexford Co. Co. in the last week of May. The scheme will be tendered in early June.
N25 Larkins Cross	The Feasibility & Options report has been approved by TII. Public lighting design has been carried out. The preliminary design for the scheme is being developed. Tender documents should be completed by the third quarter of the year.

**2025 Pavement Schemes**

N25 Ballygillane to Ashfield Cross Roundabout Phase 2  
Pavement Scheme €2,460,000

This scheme was required to solve the following issues.

- 1.Existing pavement was badly damaged and cracked and needed rehabilitation.
- 2.Substandard hard shoulder width in southbound carriageway



Figure 2.11: Longitudinal cracking in pavement adjacent embankment slippage



- 3. Substandard drainage



Figure 2.21: Ponding on hard shoulder



Figure 2.22: Existing Drainage

The road layout was changed to provide a consistent hard shoulder on both sides of the carriageway

**Drainage system upgraded**



#### 4. Embankment Slippage



Figure 2.8: Steep side slope hazard



Figure 2.9: Embankment slippage

The embankment was regraded and supported. The new drainage installation also served to stabilise the embankment. Laying HRA Surface Course



Pavement surfacing works commenced in May and are 75% complete. The scheme is due to be completed in early June.



**2025 Pavement Schemes cond't**

HD28 Pavement Improvements 2025 €2,750,000

The following schemes have been identified for surface course replacement for 2025

- N11 Oilgate to Scurlocksbush Roundabout. 1.7km
- N30 Ballymackessy 1.0km

Tender documents are being prepared at present and these schemes will be tendered in July.

**REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS**

Wexford’s allocation through the Regional and Local Road Grant 2025 is €23,310,350.



**Restoration Improvement Programme - Wexford’s**  
allocation is €12,068,000.

92 projects have been added to our countywide  
programme.

Macadam and strengthening works are ongoing in each  
District.

**Strengthening Works in Duncormick, Rosslare MD,  
May 2025**

**Surface Dressing Programme - Wexford’s** allocation is €2,841,500.

71 projects have been added to our programme and will commence in mid-May. Preparation is underway  
on road surfaces and surface dressing designs.

**Severe Weather Repairs**

Aughnaglaur Bridge, Adamstown has been  
completed with some minor riverbed works to be  
complete during the summer. The R735 is fully  
reopened.

Little Cullenstown Bridge is substantially complete.

Grange Cliff Stabilisation will be complete in May.



**R735 Aughnaglaur Bridge, May 2025**



**Completed Works at Grange Beach, Cliff Stabilisation Project, April 2025**

**Winter Maintenance** - A total of 184 treatments were delivered during the season across the five winter service routes.

**General Maintenance** - Drainage, patching and road surface repair works are ongoing in all Districts.

## **ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE**

**Newtown Road – Phase 1** – Project is now complete. Irish Water propose to undertake SI works on the new cycle lanes from Glenville Road & Newtown Road.

**Newtown Road Phases 2 & 3** Tender documents to be completed on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**Hospital Junction, Newtown Road** - Part 8 statutory process currently underway and ending 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**Beechlawn/Clonard Cycle Scheme** - The design was reviewed by peer review group in NTA on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025, RPS currently making design changes. Plan to progress to Part 8 and present design to councilors at next borough meeting.

**Roxborough Cycle Scheme** - Consultants reviewed spend as €400K. WCC to seek NTA approval to proceed to public consultation

**Oaklands to Kents Cross Cycle Scheme** - Oaklands to Kents Cross Cycle Scheme (New Ross) to progress to Part 8 in 2025. RPS will review the design once again considering issues raised at the NTA peer review last week

## **Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)**

**Wexford Town** - Completion of this study is expected in July 2025 pending review by NTA ABTA team.

**Enniscorthy Town** - Enniscorthy Local Transport Plan Part 2A – Establish Context Report submitted by Consultants on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for review.

## **Ramsgrange Safe Routes to School Scheme**

SRTS works substantially completed. Awaiting ESB to connect P/L and Pedestrian lights.

**Courtown phase 3** awaiting job code to proceed to construction, avoiding summer tourist traffic.

## **Safe Routes to School Schemes (SRS)**

The following sites are approved for works in 2025:

1. Ballaghkeene NS. Public consultation under Section 38 completed. 24 submissions were received from the Section 38 consultation
2. Kiltealy NS – Preliminary design completed and Area engineer reviewing design prior to presenting to stakeholders and school board.
3. Enniscorthy Vocational College – Preliminary Design complete for internal review and costing. An Taisce has issued Draft Delivery plan for review and comments.
4. Ballyroe buck NS has been approved for works as part of an additional scheme for schools on high-speed roads. An Taisce have surveyed the school and issued the Outline Delivery Plan for review and comments.

**Public e-bike and e-Scooter Sharing Scheme** - Expressions of Interest received from 4 suppliers for an e-bike and e-scooter scheme. A request has been issued to submit a detailed proposal.

**Castlebridge to Wexford Road (R741)** - Topographical survey is complete.

**Bus Stop Enhancement Scheme** - Draft Bus Stop Guidance have been issued by NTA. Going forward it was agreed to proceed with hardstandings, poles and seating where required, until such time as Clear Channels contract is formalised.

## PUBLIC LIGHTING

**Public Lighting Development Fund** - The following are schemes are being progressed at present:

Location	Progress update
Churchtown Road, Kilrane	ESB connection applied. 2 quotations received, with 3 <sup>rd</sup> due by the end of May
Old Garden City, Gorey	ESB connection applied. Public lighting installation works contract awarded.
Sean O Byrne Park, Gorey	ESB connection applied. Public lighting installation works contract awarded.
Saltmills Village	ESB connection applied. Out for design and quotation.
Ballycullane Village	Out for design and quotation. ESB connection will be applied for once the design has been confirmed.
Mary's Lane, Wexford Town	Pots and ducts installed. Once they have been surveyed, design & quotations will be invited. Connection will be sought once design is confirmed.
Glentire Heights, The Ballagh	Duct installed, in conjunction with Active Travel's safe routes to school, design and quotations will be sought.
Ballycogley Village	ESB connection will be applied for once the design has been confirmed.
Coolgreaney Village	Survey completed. Design and quotations will be sought in early June.
Maudlins to Millhouse Care Centre, New Ross	Pots & ducts installed. ESB connection will be applied for once the design has been confirmed.
Kilanerlin Village	Full design required for village pinpoint deficiencies. Survey completed. Design and quotations will be sought in early June.
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## CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Adoration Convent Wexford** - Tender assessment is now complete, and it is intended to appoint a works contractor to commence works onsite in June 2025.

**Carrigfoyle Activity Centre Building** - Discussions are nearing conclusion with WWETB regarding a funding agreement.

**Courtown Coastal Protection & Beach Nourishment Scheme** - An application for RRDF funding was submitted in April. A decision is anticipated in Q3 2025.

**Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience Upgrade and Extension** - It is anticipated Architect Led Design Team Services Stages (i) to (v) will be awarded in June 2025.

### ENNISCORTHY FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

**Phase 1 - New River Slaney Bridge Project** - A public consultation day on the emerging preferred option for Phase 1 took place on the 13th of May 2025 at the Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy from 2:00pm – 9:00pm. The closing date for submissions is the 10th June 2025. The planning application for Phase 1 is to be submitted in Q2 2026.

**Enniscorthy Technical Park Access Road Phase 2** - It is anticipated the tender for construction works will be published in Q3 2025.

**Enniscorthy Sports Hub** - Kevin Thorpe Ltd has been appointed to undertake the works contract. It is expected that works will commence onsite in June 2025.

**Gorey Market House** - The works procurement process will commence in Q3 2025 with works envisaged to commence in Q1 2026.

**Gorey Relief Road, Ballytegan Avenue (St Waleran's Link Road)** - The Part 8 process for Phase 1 will commence in 2025. Phase 2, which is likely to require an application to An Bord Pleanála, will be submitted for planning in mid 2026.

**Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway** - It is expected to confirm a preferred route in Q3 2025, with Public Information event displaying the preferred option taking place in Q3 2025.

### WEXFORDIA

**New Ross Tourism Project** - Architectural preliminary design is now complete and the Part 8 process is scheduled to commence on June 18th. The works tender process will commence in Q3 2025 with works programmed to commence on site early in 2026. A site investigation works contract will commence on site in the coming weeks.

## PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Ferndale Gymnasium** - Construction is expected to be complete in November 2025.

**SouthEast Greenway - Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3 - Completed**

**Rosbercon Trailhead** - Preliminary Design - Pre-planning meeting took place for masterplan design proposal on Rosbercon trailhead 11/4/25

## SOUTH EAST GREENWAY

**Lot 4** - The tender process for the Lot 4 works will commence in late 2025 with works to commence in Q1 2026, subject to funding.

**Lot 5a** - We await completion of an access ramp at Abbey Road to enable opening up of this section of greenway, while in parallel, some finishing out works are ongoing. The earliest date for opening at this point is late July.

**Lot 5b ,Lot 6,Lot 7** - Appointment to be made in June 2025 for the Ground Investigation works contract on Lots 5b, 6 & 7.

**Trinity Wharf** - We are advised that the new level crossing will not be commissioned for use until February 2026, after which the next main site development works contract will commence, which will comprise the new sea wall, bulk filling, essential site services and select surface works.

## FUNDING & DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

**Town & Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) 2025** - A total of 20 Expression of Interest were received with 1no. being withdrawn. Following assessment of all EOI's in accordance with the scheme criteria, 6 proposals were approved by the Management Team to progress to full application stage.

### COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2023 - Progress to date

Total Fund	€1,509, 869.00
Total fund expenditure to date (78%)	€1,176,282.94(incl. WCC Admin)
Works complete (21 projects)	78%
Works in progress (3 projects)	7%
To be started (4 projects DRCD granted extensions to June 2025)	11%
Project cancelled (1 project: <i>Fethard Community Development Association - Community Garden</i> )	4%
Total fund claimed to Q4 2024 from Dept.	67%

### COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2024 - Progress to date

Total Fund	€1,703,377 (incl. WCC Admin)
Total fund expenditure to date	€401,873.64 (incl. WCC Admin)
Works in progress (6 of 23 projects)	27%
Shortlisted Window 1 – March 2024	€798,291.00
Shortlisted Window 2 – September 2024	€241,996.00
Shortlisted Window 3 – February 2025 <i>TBC by DRCD</i>	€673,815.00

#### The following milestones have been achieved this period:

- Awaiting DRCD decision and final approval for **CRF24 Window 3**. Shortlist of 9 projects by WCC embargoed until formal approval and announcement by DRCD.
- Funding for **Fethard Community Development Association** ‘Community Garden’ (New Ross MD) has been decommitted by the DRCD as the community group were unable to overcome local issues around sight lines and access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> identified site, arising from the Planning process.
- Ministerial launch event held in Enniscorthy **16/05/25** for ‘Additional Support Bicycles’ by Minister James Browne and Members of Enniscorthy Municipal District.



**‘Additional Support Bicycles’ launched by Minister James Browne, Enniscorthy**

PRIDE OF PLACE 2025

Pride of Place is an all-island competition that recognises improvements made by local communities to create civic pride in their area. The competition focus is about people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their area. Tomhaggard Clean Coasts and Courtown Tourism have been selected for the competition for County Wexford this year.

Judging will take place in July with the national awards held in Limerick during November.

GARDA YOUTH AWARDS 2025

Wexford County Council in association with An Garda Síochána held the 8th Annual Wexford Garda Youth Awards on 19th May in the ‘Street’ of County Hall. These annual awards acknowledge the achievements of young people who are making a difference in their own lives and in their communities within County Wexford.



12 individuals/groups were awarded on the night with over 140 people attending the awards ceremony. 2 of the applications received were nominated by the selection panel for the National Garda Youth Awards which will be held in November 2025.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

Wexford PPN’s **Community Growers Group** travelled to Delta Sensory Gardens Carlow for their first fact finding field trip of the year on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Sponsored by Healthy Wexford our member groups gained information and inspiration from the excellent guided tours of the beautiful sustainable gardens, 19 in all. The weather was accommodating, and the trip was enjoyed by the 37 participants who took part. A bus was provided by Wexford PPN for those wishing to attend and groups had a chance to network and share ideas and information over refreshments provided on the day.

Wexford PPN with our partners Age Friendly Wexford, and Age Friendly Ireland Healthy Homes held our 3<sup>rd</sup> **Living Well Ageing Smart Expo** in Enniscorthy on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 with over 25 exhibitors showcasing some of the free supports and services that are available to families living in Wexford. The Expo was a hive of activity for the afternoon and was very well received by the residents of Enniscorthy.



LOCAL AUTHORITY INTEGRATION TEAM (LAIT)



LAIT continues its collaboration with Sports Active to support the **Wellness Programme for Women** in Wexford's IPAS Centre. The programme remains a key source of support for women seeking community and improved mental health.

The LAIT were delighted to support Africa Day run by FDYS In Coolcots on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP) Update

One new Syrian family moved to Wexford this month and are enjoying getting to know Co. Wexford and their new community. Ten families are now accommodated under the programme. The team are continuing to provide intensive support to families creating pathways to education and employment.

UKRAINIAN RESPONSE UNIT UPDATE

Numbers of pledged properties and people placed by pledge type, source Ukraine Support Team, 20/05/25 Offer A Home website/IRC Tracker. The Offer A Home scheme has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

Pledge Type	Number of Properties	Number of People Placed
Offer a Home	294	879
Irish Red Cross	34	109

Ukraine Refurbishment Programme

Five properties are open and operational. One further property is open and awaiting the arrival of residents.

Name	Occupancy	Capacity
Carne Accommodation Centre, Carne	49	68
Unity Court, Wexford	33	57
Michael Street, Wexford	12	19
Borromount Lodge, Enniscorthy	7	37
Rafter Street, Enniscorthy	2	15
Ryland Road, Bunclody	0	21

The Healthy County Committee met in early May and reviewed ongoing activity. This included progress reporting on projects supported under the Round Four the Healthy Ireland Fund and updates on the progression of Healthy Ireland beyond 2025.

### Healthy Ireland Funded Project work undertaken in May included:



- Strong and Steady falls prevention programme for older adults in Enniscorthy with Sports Active Wexford
- Strong Not Tough Resilience Training for Community Volunteers in Wexford
- Healthy Home Environments programmes in both Rosslare & Tomhaggard.
- Healthy Choices Programme completed in SWWFRC and another started at GYNG

In addition the Community Cuppa pilot initiative continued in Campile on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and commenced in Bunclody on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Healthy Wexford also highlighted the May Bikeweek and 'Hello How Are You Activities'. Ongoing activities of Cultural Companion and Country Connects continued during May and will continue into June.



Healthy Wexford continues to support the Community Team in recruiting Volunteers for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025 and will do so in the run up to the event. Special focus was put into National Volunteer Week which was 19th -25th May. Healthy Wexford has also supported the event through provision of Not Around Us signage and in securing Sunscreen Dispensers for use.

Healthy Wexford has supported the Institute for Health Logistics & Analytics at Georgia Southern University to encourage completion of their County Wexford One Health Survey and one to one interviews. The anonymous survey looks at how health, the environment, and daily life connect in Wexford. The results may help shape future health and environmental initiatives in Wexford.



On 21<sup>st</sup> May Healthy Wexford attended the Living Well - Ageing Smart Expo sharing information with those in attendance. This event allowed highlighting of current activities while also networking with other agencies and organisations

<b>Couch to 3k</b>	11 people participated in the C23K programme at the Enniscorthy Sports Hub which was delivered in collaboration with WLD.
<b>Bike Week Events</b>	Women's Shed Cycle on SE Greenway: 6 attended Intro to Mountain Biking (Forth Mountain): Teenagers: 5 attended Adults: 5 attended. South East Greenway Family Fun Cycle: 10 participants
<b>Active Adults</b>	Two active adult programmes were conducted in collaboration with Wexford libraries in May. 10 adults participated in Chair exercises in Gorey Library and 11 women participated in Pilates in New Ross library
<b>Adapted Physical Activity Module</b>	TY students from Gorey Educate Together Secondary School (who completed the adapted pa module with SAW earlier this year), facilitated an adapted physical activity session with Saint Aidan's Disability Services in Gorey Town Park. 14 adults with disabilities attended. 12 TY students delivered the program.
<b>Inclusive Bike Week Activities</b>	Our Lady of Fattima Special School Learn to Cycle Taster: 117 children attended. Disability Cycle on SE Greenway: 7 participants attended.
<b>IWA Club Open Day</b>	The fully established club has now officially launched the IWA club which caters for children and teens with physical disabilities. 23 children with physical disabilities attended plus 7 siblings.
<b>Intro to Angling</b>	17 participants attended our family / carer group introduction to angling programme for children/teenager with a disability.
<b>Inclusive Yoga</b>	7 adults with disabilities attended the 5-week inclusive yoga in the Hearts Space Yoga studio, Gorey.
<b>Prime time of Life</b>	SAW in collaboration with Edufit and Waterford Local Sports Partnership Delivered a train the trainer course to upskill tutors to deliver prime time of life programmes to individuals living with chronic/long term conditions. 14 tutors were trained up

<b>Breathe Well - Kilanerin</b>	Our 10-week Breathe Well Exercise Group for individuals living with respiratory conditions finished in Kilanerin. 5 people took part.
<b>Strong and Steady</b>	12-week falls prevention programme for older adults finished in Astro Active Enniscorthy. 9 adults with a history and/or fear of falling took part in this programme which was funded by Healthy Ireland
<b>ESF+ Sport 4 Empowerment</b>	Morans IPAS centre Session 2: Self-Defence 14 females attended, Session 3: Irish Dance intro 15 attended, Session 4: Self-Defence 8 females attended. 2 x 1 to 1 sessions delivered for new arrivals
<b>Safeguarding</b>	1 Safeguarding 1 was course was held in April with 11 participants.



**One of the families that joined us on the Family Cycle on SE Greenway as part of Bike Week 2025**

ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL MATTERS

**Fethard Harbour New Slipway and Beach Access** - The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications is in process of finalising a decision on this project.

**Coast** - SeaviewCoastal Protection and Beach Access, Kilmore. Contractor started works on site at the end of January 2025 and is currently scheduled for completion in Q3 2025.

Kilpatrick temporary beach access is now complete

- Ballyconniger & Clone bridges were installed before Easter
- Carne, dredging complete
- Slade, Dredging complete

**DAFM Funding** - We were allocated a total of €690,000 for Pier & Harbour projects by the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine for projects in Duncannon, Slade & Courtown Harbours. 75% is funded by the Department, 25% co-funded by WCC.

**Operations** – Eddie Downes completed Pilot training in April and received his Pilot Warrant. Phil Murphy left on a two-year secondment to SETU. Mick Mahon has been appointed Temporary Senior Marine Officer with Aidan Bates Acting Marine Officer.

No update from MARA regarding the Marine User License Application for river barrow surveys. Similar projects have been requested to complete a NIS prior to any survey work commencing and license issue, so we should be prepared to complete the same. The business development plan for the Port is on going and Explosive Byelaws are due to go to public consultation in June.

Public Conveniences

- Cahore PC: Carpark surfacing, white lining and bollards completed by Contractor.
- Carne PC: Contractor completed the upgrade of toilet facilities.

Septic Tank Inspections:

NIP Grants 2025	January-May 2025 - 12 applications received	10 Grants paid/sent for payment	3 outstanding for review/documents
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No of Verification Inspections

2024 - Verification Inspections = 58	2025 - Verification Inspections = 15
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Court cases

- 3 Currently in the court system for failing to comply with Advisory Notices
- 9 cases closed prior to court hearing as works were already carried out.
- 11 cases over 4 years old closed. 54 other cases closed. 122 new inspections carried out.

**Discharge Licences**

Currently there are 88 active Section 4 Discharge Licences with scheduled annual, biannual, quarterly, bi-monthly and monthly returns in respect of each individual Licence. The monitoring returns on receipt are assessed by Environmental Technical Staff and actively pursued to address any ongoing issues arising from exceedances in chemical/microbiological and flow parameters as laid down in the Discharge Licence for the site.

No. of Monitoring Submission Returns Jan to May 2025	20
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**Low Smoke Fuel Areas** - The 4 stations in New Ross, Wexford, Enniscorthy & Gorey have now had their monitors updated to measure air quality and noise levels. There are also 14 low-cost sensors installed in Enniscorthy monitoring PM10 & PM2.5 only. UoG & UCC have started a programme called TownAir to monitor gases NOx, SO2, CO continuously, particle numbers 10 nm to 10 microns, as well as black carbon and organic aerosol, ions ammonium, chloride, sulfate and nitrate, all in real-time, as well as collecting 24hr filter samples of PM2.5. The filter samples will be analysed for metals and toxicity. These will be compared with 2016 levels taking during the SAFFIRE project. They will be monitoring the weather also.

**Agriculture** - Wexford County Council continue to undertake a significant number of farm inspections under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme. Wexford County Council engage with landowners to undertake the necessary rectifications works through encouragement of improvement of farming infrastructure and farming practices.

Section 12 & 23 notices under the Local Government Water Pollution Act 1977-1990 are served upon farms where major non compliances are observed and are open to cross reporting to DAFM.

Under the National Agricultural Inspection Programme, Wexford County Council carried out a total of 180 (TBC) farm inspections in 2024 and this has risen to 271 inspections in 2025 concentrating in areas where water quality was most at risk of not meeting its objectives under the WFD. A team of 4 Assistant Scientists take on this role lead by the Agricultural Scientist in the Environment Section. A total of 87 inspections have taken place in 2025 to date under GAP regulations, Sludge use in Agriculture and complaints made by the public. The team continue to work in Aughboy, Mangan, Boro, Owenduff, Heathpark & Begerin catchments for 2025.

A total of 37 Agricultural related Planning Permission Applications have been received in 2025 highlighting the continued investment in Wexford Agriculture and maintaining compliance with Good Agricultural Practice Regulations.

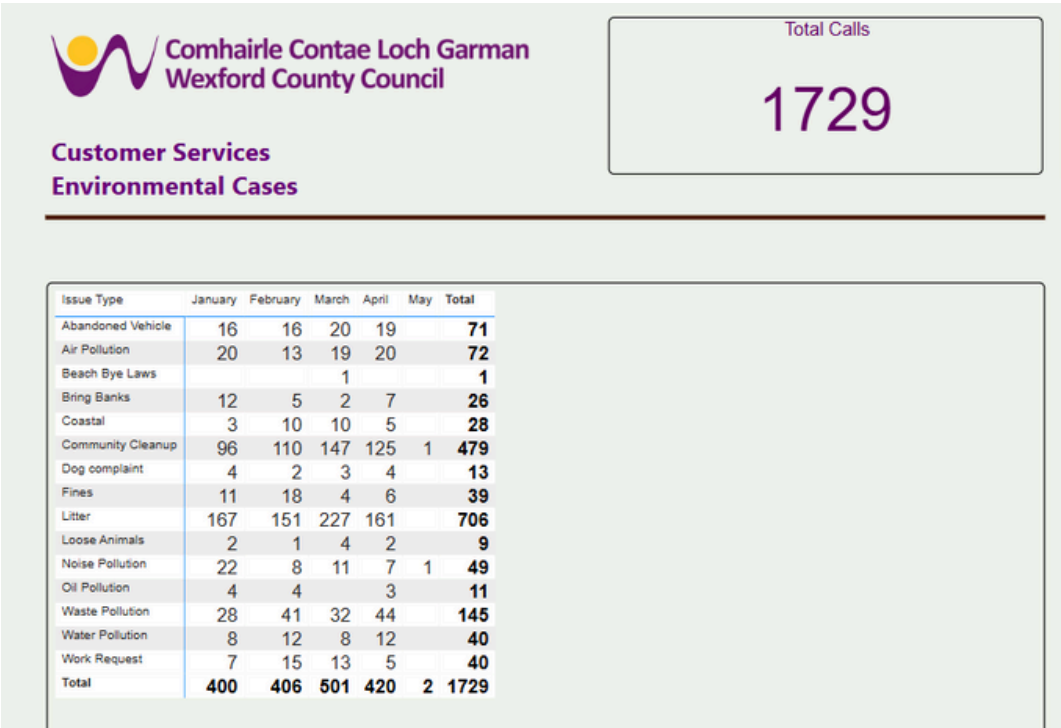
# Waste Management

All environmental complaints are logged by the Customer Service Unit on the DASH CRM system. The total figures for complaints received are as follows:

YEAR	Dumping Incidents Reported	% Increase/Decrease	Community Clean Ups	% Increase/Decrease
2024	2389	Down 7%	1021	Down 3%
Jan-Apr 2025	913		469	

	Jan to Dec 2020	Jan to Dec 2021	Jan to Dec 2022	Jan to Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan - Apr 2025
Incidents	4997	5136	3896	4235	4195	1727
Closed	4996	5133	3712	3948	3770	1355
Closure Rate	99%	99%	95%	93%	90%	78%

## Total Calls logged through CSU for period January- April 2025



## Court Overview

Mnth	No.of cases heard	Outcome	LITTER	WASTE	Water	Air	Nois
Jan-May	5	Total fines	€1650	€1525	NA	NA	NA
		Total costs	€750	€1425	NA	NA	NA

Litter Overview

	Jan- May 2025
Fixed payment Notices issued	2
Litter fines issued	59
Fines paid litter	26
FPN paid	3
Successful prosecutions	8
Legal proceedings in progress	21
Amount collected in fines	€4020 litter €225 FPN €600 dogs, Total €4845.00
Dog fines issued	4

**Control of Dogs & Horses** - The Council employs one full-time Dog Warden and one part-time Dog Warden. The main pound is Pets First Kennels, Ballycarney, Co Wexford.

Control of dogs	2022	2023	2024	2025
Dogs collected	546	575	564	195
Dogs reclaimed	117	128	147	178
Dogs re-homed/transferred	370	404	442	135
Dogs put to sleep	51	38	31	5
Dog Fines	21	14	11	4

There are now 27 registered Dog Breeding Establishments with several applications on hand awaiting inspection.

Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites April 2025	Recycling out (End April) 2024 (t)	Recycling out (End April) 2025 (t)
Glass bottles		1247.23	1445.70
Aluminium Cans		27.81	11.93
Total	108	1275.04	1457.13

Household Recycling Centres - Summary of Activities								
WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Jan-Apr 2024 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Apr 2025 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Apr 2024 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Apr 2025 (t)	Recycling out Jan-Apr 2024(t)	Recycling out Jan- Apr 2025 (t)	Recycling out Jan- Apr 2024 (t)	Recycling out Jan- Apr 2025 (t)
Total Recycling out	212	220	231	227	282	305	175	186
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1149	1206	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers Jan-Apr	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	72	80	113	113	149	158	80	86

**Rapid Response Crew** - Our Rapid Response Crew operates out of Holmestown, with a four-man crew servicing Enniscorthy and Gorey MD's and a second six-man crew servicing Wexford and New Ross and Rosslare MD's.

Their headline activities for year to date are summarised below:

Activity	To end April 2024	April 2025	To end April 2025	% +/_
Total Illegal Dumping/ Clean Ups	990	217	1,013	+2.3%
Gorey *		47		
Enniscorthy *		54		
Wexford *		46		
New Ross*		35		
Rosslare		35		
Total Bring Site Inspections	3,068	885	3,397	+10.7%

**Environment Education and Awareness**

Our aim is to promote awareness and active participation in a range of environmental initiatives.

**Green Schools:** 30 schools received their green flag at an awards ceremony in Kilkenny on the 14th May. Meanscoil Gharman received their first green flag for Litter & Waste. 29 schools renewed their green flag 3 schools on the water flag; 4 schools on Travel; 5 schools on Biodiversity; 6 schools on Global Citizenship Litter & Waste; 3 schools on Global Citizenship Energy; 6 schools on Global Citizenship Marine Environment and 2 schools on Global Citizenship Travel.

**Rubbish Film Festival:** St Mary's Secondary School New Ross were awarded Best Film for their film entitled 'One Foot in the Grave'. Best Runner Up Film went to St Peter's College for 'Earth Alert'. Colaiste an Atha won Best Poster for 'Change Your Tune'



**Annual Artwork Competition:** The entries for the competition 'Bumblebees, Solitary bees and Honeybee – Nature's Pollinators' will be judged on Thursday 29th May by Don Conroy. Awards will be presented to all winning students on Thursday 19th June in County Hall.

**Snap Into Action:** Closing date for the school and community competition was May 23rd. Judging have all entries will now take place and winners will be presented at the awards to be held on June 19th.

**National Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards:** The National Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards took place at the Ravenport Resort Hotel on Friday 16th May. Councillor Pip Breen Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council welcomed all to the event and Mr. James Browne TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage presented the awards on the day.



**FoodCloud Truck:** At our climate action team meeting on Wednesday 21st May the FoodCloud team delivered an informative presentation on the issue of food waste, the contribution wasted food makes to climate change, and practical ways that organisations and individuals can make small changes in their day to day lives in order to reduce food waste. Following the presentation, The Food Truck served a tasty, nutritious lunch of mains, sweet and juice drink using surplus food at County Hall. This event was funded by the Environment Section as part of its commitments under the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030 (Ref: National Target 3A 3B 4A 4B. Core Policies CP5 CP7).

**Composting Workshop:** A composting workshop was held on Saturday 24th May at Enniscorthy Community Allotments. The workshop covered basic soil science- how soil works; biology and essentials of composting including what can and should not be composted at home or in a community garden setting; how to use compost in your garden and around your home; hands-on investigation and troubleshooting of the 3 bay composting systems on site and how to start a composting pile; how to operate a tumbler composting system and how to set up and start a wormery.



Date	No. of community Clean Ups	
01/05/2025 – 29 /05/2025	70	
01/01/2025 – 29/05/2025	548	



**Community Clean Ups:** Registrations and support for community clean ups continue.

CLIMATE ACTION

Wexford County Council held its Climate Action & Biodiversity Fortnight 2025 from 12th - 25th May, 2025. The fortnight served as a platform to inspire action and drive positive change at local level and to raise awareness on Climate Action & Biodiversity through a number of free events across the county. There were in excess of 20 events attended by over 500 people across the two weeks.

A number of the events involved collaboration with the Active Travel Team and the Biodiversity Officer. Some of the main events included an awards event for the winners of each of the 3 categories in the Enniscorthy Climate Champions competition. The winners of the Schools category were Meanscoil Gharman. The Enniscorthy Municipal District won the workplace category, and the Enniscorthy Community Allotments were winners in the voluntary category and were also named on the day as overall winners of the competition.



Over 25 people joined the Climate Action & Active Travel Teams of Wexford County Council on a scenic coastal trail in Arthurstown. Walkers enjoyed stunning views and were given an overview of the Duncannon European Innovation Project and information on the impact of Climate Change on the marine and terrestrial biodiversity in the area. This was followed by an underwater Biodiversity Photography Presentation by Sub Aqua diver Ivan Donoghue.



Alan and Cheryl Poole and family held a very interesting biodiversity walk on their dairy farm just outside Gorey. On the day a large group looked at hedgerows managed for wildlife and shelter. They discussed grazing patterns which reduced impact on the land and which required less inputs. The group then examined the swift nest boxes and sand martin wall all of which contribute greatly to enhanced space for biodiversity on their intensive farm.

On Saturday the 24th of May, the Connections festival held by Tomhaggard Clean Coasts group held a mini festival to celebrate the joy of living by the sea. From swimming to music to paddle board sessions and snorkelling try outs there was something for everyone. This Biodiversity week event was supported by Wexford County Council, Failte Ireland, LAWPRO, Coastwatch, Clean Coasts, the Lighthouse Bar and Doyles Shipping group



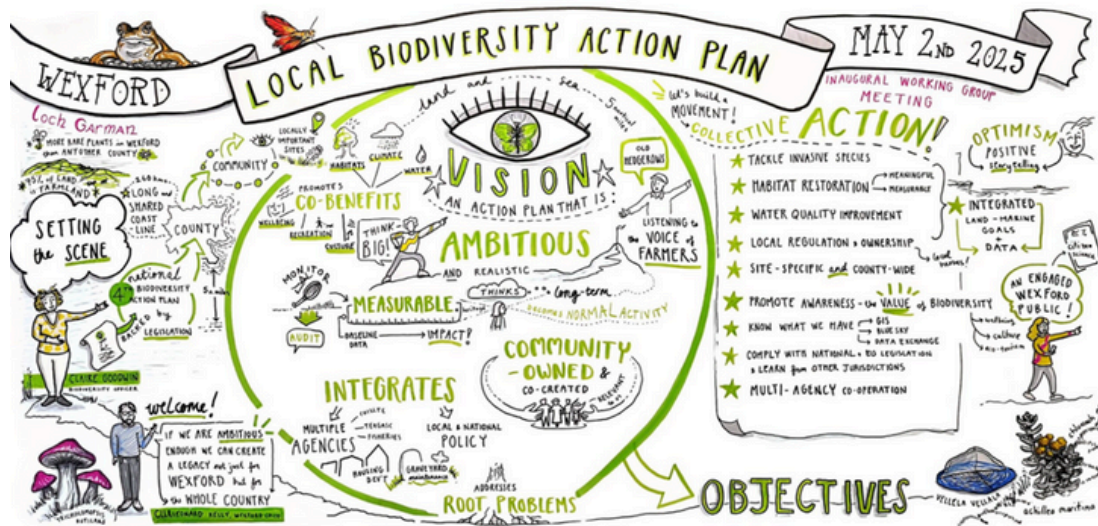
The Climate Action Regional office (CARO) continued to roll out its training programme on Building capacity in Local Authorities. Training webinars on Climate Adaptation, Nature Based Solutions and Grass to Gas all featured in recent training modules.

Green Public Procurement training is also being completed by staff across the organisation involved in tendering and procurement to upskill in meeting the needs of WCC for Goods, services and Utilities by choosing solutions that have a reduced impact on the Environment compared to alternative products/services.



## Biodiversity

The inaugural meeting of the biodiversity working group for the creation of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan took place on the 2nd of May. Representatives from Reps from Coillte, NPWS, LAWPRO, Coastwatch, IFA, OPW, BSBI, WNFC, staff from Wexford County Council came together to discuss their ambitions for the next Biodiversity Action Plan for the county. The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Leonard Kelly. Facilitated by Yvonne Byrne, graphics record by Eimear McNally.



Graphic Capture of the Inaugural meeting of the Biodiversity Working Group

## Local Biodiversity Action Fund

On the 20th of May, Minister for Housing, Heritage and Local Government James Browne TD and Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, announced €2.9 million in funding to local authorities for biodiversity projects under the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF).

The fund was established in 2018 to assist local authorities in the implementation of actions in support of biodiversity. Almost €11 million has been granted to local authorities through the LBAF since the scheme was established. The Scheme is operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and represents a commitment to support implementation of the Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan at community, county and regional level.

Wexford County Council was awarded €88,709 for the following projects:

Wexford	Wetlands Survey	€	29,901.00
Wexford	Biodiversity Staff Training	€	15,000.00
Wexford	Nightjar Survey - Phase 2	€	14,174.00
Wexford	Return to Nature	€	11,500.00
Wexford	Cherry Laurel Control Tintern Abbey	€	10,612.00
Wexford	Biodiversity Education and Awareness events	€	6,375.00
Wexford	Recording Irish mayfly - establishing conservation status	€	1,228.28

The ISO50001 Energy Surveillance Audit scheduled for 15th April was cancelled by the auditor and has been rescheduled for September 3rd. The following is the update on the SEAI Pathfinder Projects

## Energy Projects Update - SEAI Pathfinder Programme

- Submit 2025 Pathfinder Project Matrix to SEAI for review Complete ✓
- Preliminary Business Plan and State Aid Assessments – AG1 Complete ✓
- Schedule, Advertise, Prepare Pre-Tender Market Engagement Workshop Complete ✓
- Internal Pathfinder Programme match funding budget allocation confirmed Complete ✓
- Multi-Party Framework tender for Integrated Design Team published to eTenders Complete ✓
- SEEA appointed as Energy Efficient Design (EED) Consultant for 2025 Complete ✓

**Next Steps**

- Stage 1 Evaluation Panel – Request Catherine Carmody participation on evaluation panel
- Submit Project Execution Plans for each Pathfinder Project to SEAI
- Prepare Stage 2 Tender Documents
- Building Condition Surveys – Energy Officers make a List for each Building
- Building Managers - Workshops

The Apex LC, New Ross

WCC County Hall

Waterfront Enniscorthy LC

Wexford Ferrybank LC

## COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

The 16 successful projects are progressing well with several stages completed and a number of payments processed. The second round of the Programme is expected in summer 2025.

# LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & ARTS

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### My Little Library Book Bag

The My Little Library Book Bag initiative was launched on Friday, 9th May. A bag with books and resources can be collected from all Wexford county libraries to help children to navigate starting school. The bag contains a range of resources for parents and children to support the transition to primary school. Book bags are available in both Irish and English. The MLLBB initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.

### Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025

Plans are advancing for a diverse programme of free cultural events in Wexford Library during the week of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. This will include cultural lectures, recitals, cd launches and exhibitions. Free activities will also be held for children and a sensory space will be available during the week. In May, Wexford County Council manned a Fleadh 2025 Volunteer information stand in Wexford Library.

### Age Friendly Libraries

Wexford Library Service provided a range of events for the Bealtaine festival, in partnership with the Arts Department, in libraries across the county.

New Ross Library and Sports Active ran 4 age friendly Pilates sessions in the library park in May, 32 attended in total. Staff from New Ross Library spoke to the Ramsgrange Active Retirement group 48 people attended.

### Heritage

Hotel Lux: A Wexford Woman's Life in 1920s Moscow. Dr. Maurice Casey explored the life of translator and journalist May O'Callaghan, born in Wexford town in 1881, 65+ attended.

The Month of May and the Coming of Summer. At this event in Bunclody Library, artist and folklorist Michael Fortune spoke about the traditions and customs surrounding the month of May and the coming of summer in Ireland, 12 attended.

Wexford library had 16 local studies enquiries and 24 genealogy enquiries in May.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Archaeology of Bunclody - from Prehistoric to Present. Local historian Barry Lacey delivered an informative talk on the archaeology of Bunclody throughout the ages in Bunclody Library, 24 attended.



## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

### Skills for Life

As part of this programme Wexford Branch held the first in a series of four Breathwork workshops with Sound with Bernadette Murphy from Sundara Self Care. 10 attended.

### COPD Support Group

Staff from Enniscorthy Library were invited by the HSE to visit a local COPD support group, to discuss the library services available both in branch and online.

## Active Adults Programme with Sports Active

This 4-week Active Adults, chair exercise and gentle stretch programme in Gorey Branch included low-impact sitting exercises to support overall mobility and enhance physical strength.



## IT LITERACY

### Digital Ambassador Drop In Clinic

Bunclody and Enniscorthy Libraries held this clinic where participants learned how to familiarise themselves with their personal digital devices (phone, tablet, laptop etc.) This is an Age Friendly initiative. Digital Literacy classes continued in Wexford with Action Age Equality, Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross Libraries.

## INTEGRATION

A photo exhibition celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Polish Cultural Association [Gorey.pl](http://Gorey.pl) was launched in Gorey Library in May. The exhibition was open to the public until the end of the month.

English classes were held in Wexford Library every Friday in May with Wexford Town Friends of Refugees. 40 attended.

English Classes with Wexford Local Development continued twice a week in Gorey Library. 30 attended

The monthly Drop-in Information Service for new residents of Wexford, provided by the Local Authorities Integration Team in Wexford branch, continued in May. 7 attended.



## ENVIRONMENT

Biodiversity Week  
Bat Talk  
at Enniscorthy Library

Thursday,  
22<sup>nd</sup> May  
at 7pm

Booking essential

A collage of three circular images: a group of people walking on a path, a person holding a bat, and a close-up of a bat's face.

Logos for Wexford County Council and Biodiversity Week.

### Biodiversity Week 16 - 25 May, Climate Action Week 12 - 18 May

New Ross Library held **Nature in Your Garden** with artist David Daly, 25 attended, and the **Seal Rescue Ireland Roadshow**, 16 attended. Enniscorthy presented a summer gardening presentation and an evening dedicated to the fascinating world of bats, delivered by local wildlife experts Graeme Blyth and Alan Poole from the Gorey Bat Group. Wexford Library held **Butterfly Behaviour: How Butterflies Find Each Other and 21st Century Survival Challenges** with Jesmond Harding, 50+ attended.

### Biodiversity Week Talk: The Importance of Sustainable Lighting Design in Tackling Light Pollution

Gorey Library and the Biodiversity Office of Wexford County Council marked Biodiversity Week 2025 with this talk on The Importance of Socially & Environmentally Sustainable Lighting Design in Tackling Light Pollution with 'Dark Sky Defender' Kerem Asfuroglu. The audience learned about how preserving dark skies can benefit our biodiverse wildlife and how we can help. 13 attended

**Biodiversity Kit** - A Biodiversity Kit is available to borrow from Wexford library. The kit can be borrowed for up to three weeks and free to borrow with a library membership card. The purposes of widening the knowledge base of our biodiversity and to aid communities in understanding their environment and to allow better decision making regarding this natural resource.

## Cloth Nappy Library Ireland

Following on from a visit to New Ross Library recently a volunteer from the Cloth Nappy Library Ireland spoke to parents in Enniscorthy Branch about the benefits of reusable nappies .

## Community Energy Hub- Energy Advice Clinics with SEEA - May

These Energy Advice Clinics at Gorey Library were held for Wexford Climate Action Week. Welcoming questions about making your home more energy efficient, these one-on-one chats with an energy expert were a chance to get personalized advice on home energy efficiency or upgrades. 4 attended over 6 sessions

## Bike Week May 2025

To mark Bike Week New Ross Library ran a **Bike Maintenance Workshop in the Library Park** with support from the Cycling & Walking Officer, Clinton Donovan. Families attended to get simple tips on how to maintain your bike from the experts at Barrow Bikes, 8 attended. Gorey Branch held a **Cycle to the Library Day for Bike Week**. In Association with the Climate Action Team, anyone who cycled to the library on Saturday 17th May was presented with a certificate and a bike accessory, 6 Participated. **Bike Week Art Competition Display**, in association with the Climate Action team and the Gorey Pedestrian and Cycling Association Gorey Library were happy to display the entries for this year's cycling art competition. Wexford and Gorey Libraries also held a Bike Week Craft.



## READING AND LITERACY: RIGHT TO READ AT YOUR LIBRARY

### Poetry Day Ireland 1st May

Poetry Day Ireland is an annual island-wide celebration of poetry. The theme this year was 'May Day'. Gorey Library held a Poetry Ireland Writing Workshop: Mining Memories with Margaret Galvin which also tied in with the Bealtaine Festival. This was a two hour writing and reminiscence workshop 10 attended. Gorey Library also held a Poetry Day Ireland Open Mic, 23 attended.

Wexford Branch also tied in both celebrations with Light Notes of Gladness with poets Margaret Galvin and A.M. Cousins and guests. This was a reading of poetry and prose complemented by Eire Ni Fhaolain, traditional singer and harpist, who offered a musical interpretation of the themes addressed. 21 attended.

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### Carmel Harrington Author Visit

Gorey Library held this evening with one of Ireland's bestselling authors who discussed writing, the creative process and lots more. 16 attended.



## ARCHIVES

### Collections Management

In addition to 39 research enquiries via email, telephone and post, a total of 10 researchers visited the Archive during May. Topics included genealogical research through early 20th century primary school registers for the Sisters of Mercy convent, Wexford (1896-1920); artefacts and documentation relating to Duncannon Fort for a forthcoming exhibition; burials of O'Reilly family members in Crosstown cemetery (1892-1930); crystal award and related materials presented to Mrs Kathleen Walsh, Honorary President of the London-Wexford Association (2015); details of camogie fixtures through local newspapers (2005-20); family history research through the early 19th century burial records for St Mary's, St Michael's, St John's and St Patrick's graveyards in Wexford town (1881-1942).

### Acquisition

Two important collections were deposited in the Archive during May. A set of rentals and hand-painted maps relating to part of the Earl of Courtown estate (1813-50) represents one of the few consignments from the collection that is not held by a national institution. Included in the papers is a bound rental of the Kiltennell estate (1850) and maps of several townlands in Co. Carlow which were also part of the Courtown estate (1813).

The second deposit relates to a small collection of handwritten diaries (1930s-80s) from a member of the Traveller community from New Ross documenting his family genealogy and details of his earlier working life across the UK, the US and Asia which represent a rare insight into traveller culture, history and identity.

## ARTS

### Timelines Exhibition

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## Commemorations Bursary Award

The Arts Office announced an open call for applications for two artist bursaries focused on the themes of commemoration and are funded through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media. These artist bursaries will offer the opportunity to support and invest in new work developed by a professional artist in any art forms based in County Wexford. There are two bursaries for €4,000 and they will be awarded to artists addressing the broad theme of commemoration.

## Breaking the Patterns

Wexford based artists Laura Clarke and Luca Consentino have been selected for a three-month residency, in partnership with Capacity Ireland and Carlow Arts Office, to Crete, Greece from early June. They will have a studio space, weekly mentoring, a group exhibition and a work placement over the three months. The residency concentrates on professional development for emerging artists.

## Living Arts in Schools 2025-26 - Call for Expression of Interest

The Open Call commenced in early April for Wexford based artists and four primary schools to take part in the programme for 2025 – 2026. Eight Wexford based artists will be selected and partnered with four schools to create a body of work over the academic year.

There were 14 artist applications and 10 primary school applications in total. The deadline for expressions of interest has passed.

## SpringMoves Dance Festival 2025

SpringMoves Dance Festival took place across Wexford town in May. This included a performance by the Irish National Dance Company at the National Opera House and various performances for free on the streets of Wexford .



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## Artist Workspace Scheme 2025

The Arts Office launched the new Artist Workspace scheme to support professional artists to access suitable and flexible workspaces to develop their arts practices. The workspaces must accommodate at least two professional artists or artist collectives. Applications are welcome from artists working in all art forms. Grants will be available in the region of €3,000 per application and must accommodate at least two artists renting a building or part of a building for their workspaces. Grants of up to €5,000 may be awarded to applications involving three or more artists taking a lease on a building. This was opened on 14th March and the deadline has passed.

## Creative Places Enniscorthy (CPE)

CPE is a 3-year Arts Council funded initiative in partnership with Wexford Arts Centre, Wexford Arts Office and Enniscorthy Municipal District seeking to embed creativity into Enniscorthy.

## The Night Belongs to YOUTH

As part of Cruinniú na nÓg, The Night Belongs To YOUTH happens Saturday, June 7th starting with a procession from Father Cullen Terrace to the summit of Vinegar Hill in Enniscorthy at 7pm.

## Music Generation (MG)

This is an ongoing partnership between Wexford County Council, WWETB and Music Generation supporting performance music education countywide for young people in 25 schools and a variety of youth work contexts.

## Selskar Sounds Music Hub Info Session|Selskar College

On the 1st May Music Generation held an info session for the Selskar Sounds Music Hub in Selskar College. This gave young people a chance to register for the after-school rock and pop programme, Selskar Sounds Music Hub, meet the musician educators who will be giving the lessons and check out the instruments available. The age range is from 10-18 years.

### **Selskar Sounds Music Hub Pilot Programme|Selskar College**

Following on from the info session, the Selskar Sounds Music Hub started its pilot programme on the 8th of May. It ran for four weeks in total (8th-29th May). The aim of this pilot programme is to trial the rock and pop hub before commencing for the full academic year 2024/26 in October in Selskar College. For these four weeks approx. 30 sign-ups were received with lessons ranging from electric and acoustic guitar to bass guitar, singing, drums, trumpet, and keyboard.

### **Wexford Windjammers & HFC Youth Band Concert| Kennedy Park**

The after-school brass and wind hub Wexford Windjammers & HFC Youth Band held their end of year concert for their family and friends on the 28th of May in Kennedy Park NS. It was led by Musician Educators Geraldine Mahon and Jenna Larsen who also teach brass and wind to Kennedy Park pupils as part of the Music Generation Wexford Schools Programme. The concert was also open to students of Kennedy Park to attend.

### **Bangers & Crash |Music Network**

Music Generation Wexford are partnering with Music Network to present workshops for children and young people with percussion group Bangers & Crash on the 30th of May. The group will lead an afternoon workshop with 2 groups of 6th class students from Mercy School in St. Peter's College Chapel where they will also be set up to perform a concert for the public that evening.

### **SCREEN WEXFORD**

This is an Arts Office and Economic Dept initiative to support the development of the film and screen industry in Wexford.

### **Screen Wexford Shortlisted for Emerging Location at Cannes Film Festival**

Screen Wexford and County Wexford have officially been shortlisted for the Global Production Awards 2025 in the Emerging Location Award category. The award ceremony took place on Monday the 19th of May. Screen Wexford co-ordinator Suzanne McKenzie attended the festival and attended meetings and networking events endorsing Wexford as a film location with a crew data base ready for work.

### **Crew Networking Event**

A Film Crew event took place for all local film crews to share contacts and information in the Hatch Lab in Gorey . 15 crew members were in attendance.

### **CREATIVE IRELAND**

#### **Cruinniu na nÓg**

On the 7th of June Cruinniu na nÓg will take place across Wexford's five libraries; Bunclody, Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford libraries, the Stella Maris Centre, Kilmore the National Opera Centre, Taghmon and Gorey Family Resource Centres, Wexford Arts Centre, the Presentation Arts Centre, and Vinegar Hill. This is a free day of creative workshops and events for young people.

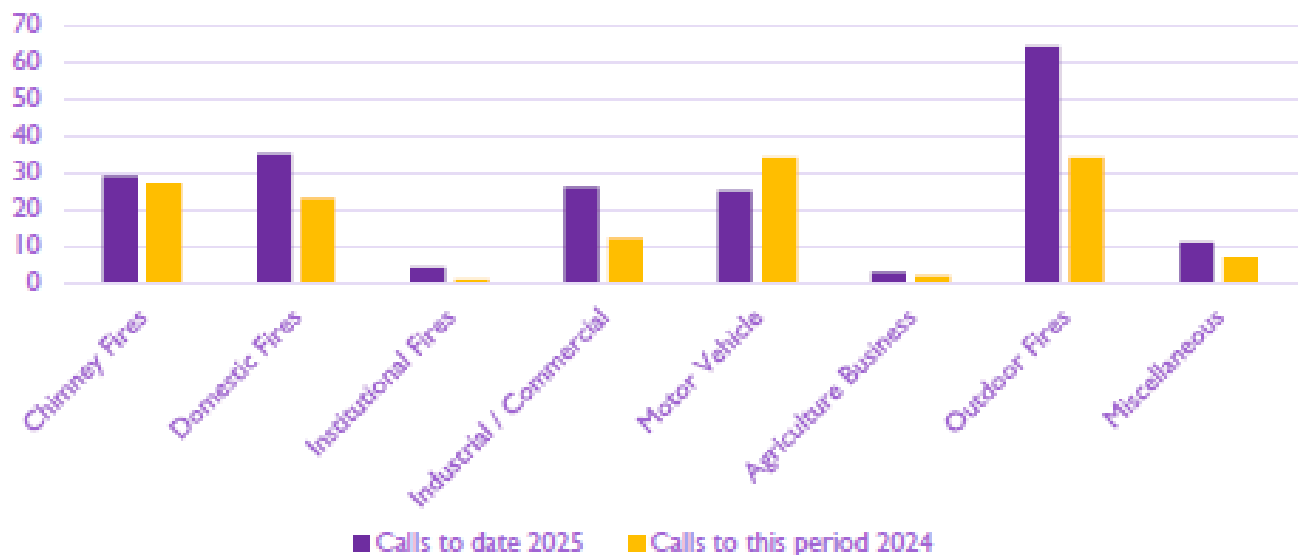
### **Bunclody Placemaking Project – Open call for Architects/designers/creatives**

Creative Ireland Wexford, Enniscorthy Municipal District and the Housing Department at Wexford County Council welcome proposals from architects, designers and creatives for a public-engagement/place-making project for Bunclody in relation to the history and heritage of the local built environment and architecture.

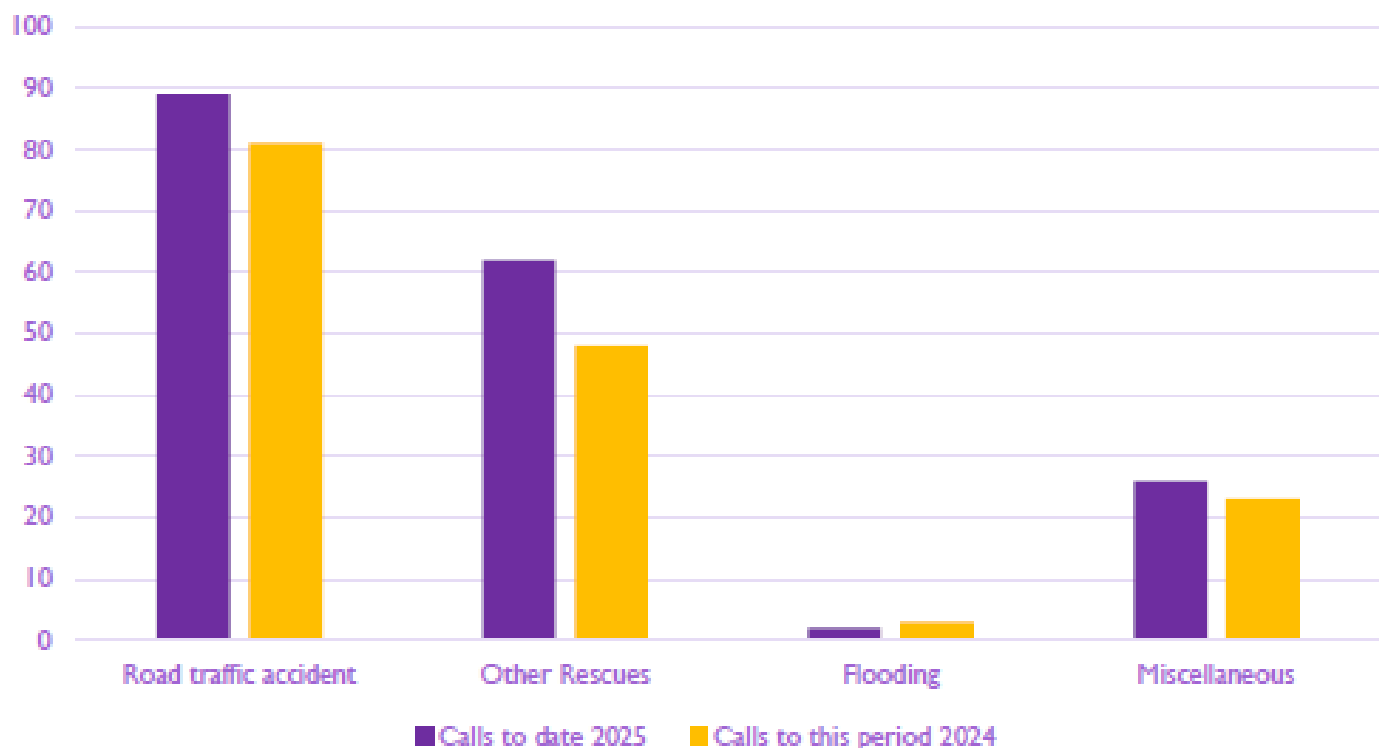
A consultant (designer/architect/creative) will conduct creative consultations with the community to collect stories and information about Bunclody's architecture and consider future developments. The deadline for proposals has passed.

# WEXFORD FIRE SERVICES MAY 2025

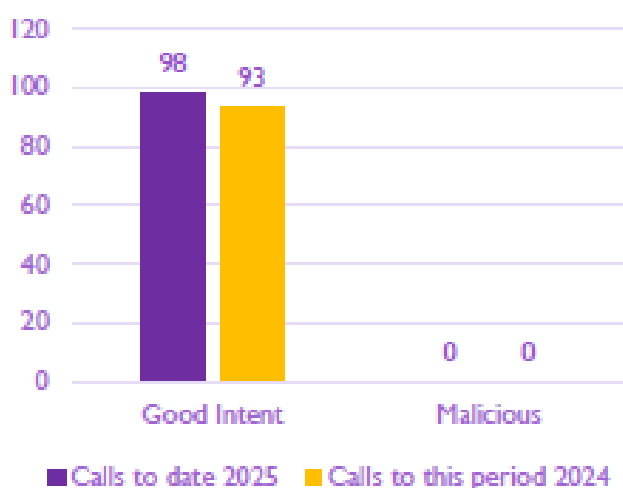
## Call Statistics - Wexford Fire Service



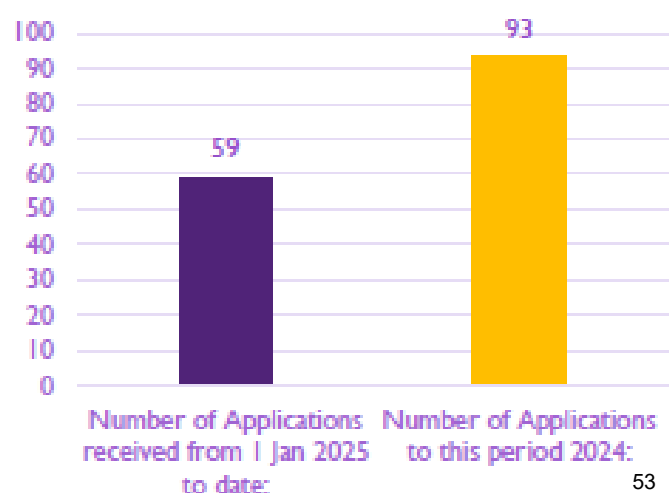
## Special Services - Wexford Fire Service



## False Alarms



## Fire Safety Certificates



# CORPORATE SERVICES

## CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT STATISTICS – MAY 2025

Task	May 2025
Phone Calls	3,232
Reception Visits	1,228
Emails (Received & Sent)	2,382

## TOP 5 CSU PHONE QUERIES

(26%) Housing Maintenance	(13%) Environment Reports	(6%) Housing Grants	(6%) Housing Applications	(4%) H. R.
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## TOP 5 CSU RECEPTION QUERIES

(18%) HR	(10%) Homelessness	(8%) Motor Tax	(6%) Housing Grants	(6%) Housing Rents
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## FOI OFFICE REQUESTS MAY 2025

Type	Number
Freedom of Information	4
Customer Complaint	21
Ombudsman Complaint	4
Access to Information on the Environment	0
Data Access Request	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

# FINANCE

**Q1 Finance Report 2025** - The Finance Report for the first quarter of 2025, i.e. to 31st March 2025, has been circulated. The results for Q1 confirm a very slight surplus but at such an early point of the year this position should be considered with a note of caution. The financial position of the council continues to be monitored very closely to ensure, in as far as possible, that there is no slippage back into a deficit position

**Audit of Accounts 2024** - In accordance with the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, the Local Government Auditor is expected to formally commence the Audit of Wexford County Council Accounts for 2024 shortly. The official date has yet to be confirmed but some preliminary work is ongoing and the Finance staff are engaging with the Auditor in this regard.



**Audit Committee** - The next meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June and will include consideration of the 2024 Annual Financial Statement and financial performance for 2024 together with consideration of the recently completed Public Spending Code quality assurance exercise and report for NOAC.

**Cash Flow/Overdraft** - The Council continues to operate with an overdraft facility, Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €15m for the period to the 31st December, 2025.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Interest in our Beach Access for All saw us reaching over **63k** views on our socials.



 Available from 1st June to the end of August 



Our campaign for volunteers continues with over **16k** views to-date.



“Great fun, great people, great weather, awesome music and talent. So proud and I am not even from Wexford!”  
Nuala




34k  
Views


10k  
Views

## Advisory

We have heard reports of people posing as Council workers, trying to gain access to properties in the New Ross Area.

If you are not expecting Wexford County Council to call or if you are in any doubt of the person's identity, do not let them into your home. Please call us to confirm their details on 05391 96000.

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